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SAYINGS AND DOINGS.

THE CHOICE LIBRARY of the late Mr. Crowninshield, of Boston, U.S., which was announced some time ago as about to be sold by auction, on November 1st and three following days, has passed into the hands of Mr. Henry Stevens, of Vermont, the well-known bookseller and American agent, for many years resident among us. Mr. Stevens, it appears, hearing that the library was to be sold by auction, proposed to the executors to purchase it from them en masse, and the terms he offered were so tempting that they could not be resisted. It is singular that it was to Mr. Stevens principally that the late Mr. Crowninshield was indebted for some of his choicest treasures, as, for instance, "The Bay Psalm Book," printed at Cambridge, U.S., 1640, the first book printed in North America, and of which only one other copy is known. The present copy will, we trust, find its way into our national library.

THE OBITUARY contains the name of one whose name for more than half a century has stood high in the musical world, that of Louis Spohe. Some controversy has arisen as to the exact date of Spohe's birth, but an authority that may usually be depended upon in such matters fixes it at the 5th of April, 1854. He was born at Brunswick, and his first instructors were the celebrated violinists at Brunswick, and his first instructors were the celebrated violinists Maucourt and Francis Eck. At a very early age he was received into the Duke of Brunswick's chapel, and afterwards accompanied Eck into Russia, visiting in turn France, Germany, and Italy, and gathering reputation everywhere. The Duke of Gotha appointed him Concert-Master to the Chapel at Vienna, and from 1814 to 1817 he conducted the music at the theatre of Frankfort-on-the-Maine. After this he resided for a short time in London, and then subsided into the place which he held to the day of his death, that of Chapel-Master to the Duke of Classy. Master to the Duke of CASSEL.

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The fame which Spohr achieved as a composer is such as will endure.

Among his numerous compositions may be named, "Abruna, or the Lovers' Duel" (Der Zweikampf der Geliebten); "Faust;" "Zemire und Azor;" "Jessonda;" "The Spirit of the Mountains" (Der Berggeist); "Pietro von Albano;" "The Alchemist;" "The Crusades" (Kreuzfahrer). Of his oratorios, the following are well known: "The Last Judgment" (Das jüngste Gericht); "The Last Things" (Die letzen Dinge); "The Last Hour of the Saviour" (Des Heilands letze Stunde); "The Fall of Babylon" (Der Fall Babylons). His cantatas, symphonies, concertos, and sonatas, also enjoy a high reputation among virtuosi.

WE REGRET TO HAVE TO MENTION THE DEATH OF MR. LOWELL, of the firm of Barthes and Lowell, foreign booksellers, Great Marlborough-street, from a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Lowell was one of the principal agents for supplying the British Museum, the Bodleian Library, the University Library, Cambridge, and other public establishments, with the most noticeable foreign publications as they appeared. He had also a large private clientelle, and was much respected by all with whom he had any dealings.

WE BEG TO CALL THE ATTENTION of our readers to a letter signed "Justitia," which, contrary to our usual custom, we have published in another column. Our readers will, perhaps, recollect that a few weeks ago we wasted a column of The Critic upon an exceedingly silly pamphlet, which professed to prove that "the Gospel clearly and emphatically interdicts the non-medicinal use of alcoholic liquors." Our noticing this absurd publication was, we will allow, quite a work of supererogation. Abstinence from alcoholic liquors could scarcely be enjoined in a religion, the author of which not only went to a marriage feast himself, but when there provided wines for the guests. Nevertheless, for our act of supererogation, we have been fiercely called to task by a clergyman who signs himself "Justitia." This gentleman, with a great want of courtesy, suggests that we "have some personal feeling against the anonymous author." We can assure him we have none whatever, as we are utterly ignorant of the name of the writer of the pamphlet in question. To part of the next charge we plead guilty; we "did not know the renowned Dr. Duff even by name;" but we totally deny having spoken contemptuously of him. He attempted to prove what seemed and still seems to us quite unproveable, and in saying this we spoke of him as "a Dr. Duff."

The very head and front of our offending Hath this extent; no more.

As to our remarks about the teetotaller's logic being "a piece of the silliest reasoning 'Justitia' has met with for a long time," we are happy for our part to be able to say, that, after careful re-examination, we see no flaw whatever in it. We simply answered the advocate of an extremely foolish theory according to his folly. Our argument was this, that if the absurd doctrine that "the Gospel clearly and emphatically prohibits the use of alcoholic liquors" was rigidly carried out, it might be construed into the necessity of abstaining from all food which contained alcohol. Bread, we said, contained alcohol, and so it might possibly be urged that we ought to abstain from bread. If "Justitia" doubts that bread does contain alcohol, we refer him to Professor Johnston's "Chemistry of Common Life;" or, indeed, to the most elementary work on chemistry. "Justitia" gives us a very unnecessary definition of alcohol. We did not say that bread was alcohol, but that there was alcohol in bread. We now pass on to notice some strange blunders he has made in his desire to instruct us. He

asks us if we have ever heard of the Septuagint version of the Old Testament. We answer, Yes, and that, apparently, we know a great deal more about it than he himself does. In the first place, we do not know, as "Justitia" tells us is the case, that the Septuagint was either written or versied by seventy persons. On this point—tz, that it was not written by seventy Jews—we are willing to accept the conclusions of all the greatest living scholars of Germany and England. Voss, we believe, was about the last Continential scholar of repute who defended the continents of the property of t

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scholarship, we must say we have not the slightest curiosity to learn how he interprets Eph. v. 18. As to "Justitia's" quotation from Dr. Bloomfield's "Recensic Synoptica," which the former recommends to our notice, we can only say that it appears to us very venturesome on the writer's part to allow that usion in 1 Cor. xi. 21, may signify "drinking to satiety," and not "excess of drinking." The Doctor, however, does not speak at all positively even on this point. It is left for the more decided but less learned "Justitia" authoritatively to pronounce, without the slightest proof, that intoxicating wine was not used at the love-feasts of the Corinthians, but only teetotal beverages. We must unhesitatingly say that to render \$\tilde{\tau}_{\tau} \text{pusy using the statisty} would, in our opinion, make utter nonsense of the verse. If the guests had already drunk to satiety, they would not care for more wine: least of all, for bad wine after good. The ruler of the feast evidently means to say that when they were drunk they could not distinguish between good and bad wine. Bidding "Justitia" heartily farewell, we maintain that the gist of the whole controversy is this—that the pamphleteer, who insisted that "the Gospel clearly and emphatically prohibits the non-medicinal use of alcoholic liquors," only advanced two texts from the New Testament in favour of his theory; and that to bear him out these texts must be entirely wrested from their real and true meaning.

JAMES ROBINSON PLANCHÉ.

JAMES ROBINSON PLANCHE, Rouge-Croix Pursuivant-at-Arms, antiquary, and dramatist, was born in London on the 27th of February, 1796. Though undoubtedly of French descent, as the name imports, the family has become entirely Anglicised, having been settled in this country since the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685. At an early age the bent of Mr. Planché's mind displayed a tendency towards dramatic composition, and at the age of displayed a tendency towards dramatic composition, and at the age of twenty-two he wrote a burlesque for private performance entitled "Amoroso, King of Little Britain;" but this composition happening to fall into the hands of the late Mr. HARLEY, that popular comedian at once appreciated the merit of the youthful author, and chiefly by his instrumentality the piece was accepted by the committee of Drury Lane Theatre, and was performed there with great applause in May, 1818. After this, Mr. Planché became really a dramatist by profession, and his productions have been so numerous and successful, as almost to entitle him to the sobriquet of "the English Scribe." The following list, though by no means perfect, will serve to give some notion of the number of acted and published pieces which have emanated from his prolific pen:

EXTRAVAGANZAS AND BURLESQUES Cymon and Iphigenia. Yellow Dwarf. Camp at the Olympic. Good Woman in the Wood.

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 Beauty and the Beast.
 Buckstone's Ascent of Mount Parnassus.
 Buckstone's Voyage Round the World.
 Once upon a Time there were Two Kings.
 Queen of the Frogs.
 Seven Champions of Christendom.

27. Haymarket Spring Meeting.28. Discreet Princess.

34. Riquet with the Taft.
35. High, Low, Jack, and the Game.
36. Puss in Boots.
37. Blue Beard.

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61. Promotion

68. 69.

70. 71.

73. 74.

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79. Cortez. 80. Maid Marian.

62. Somebody Else.
63. Jacobite.
64. Cabinet Question.
65. Romantic Idea.
66. Garrick Fever.

Garrick Fever.
My Friend the Governor.
Brigand.
A Daughter to Marry.
The Regent.
Charles XII.

Charles XII.
Jewess.
Returned Killed.
Rencontre.
Not a bad Judge.
Vampire.
Spring Gardens.
Green-eyed Monster.
Cortez.

82. Knights of the Round Table.

- Fortunio. Blue Beard. Sleeping Beauty. Bee and the Orange Tree.
- Birds of Aristophanes.
 Drama at Home.
 Fair One with the Golden Locks.
 Love and Fortune.
- Graciosa and Percinet.
- White Cat.
 Island of Jewels.
 King Charming.

- 13. Theseus and Ariadne.14. Golden Branch.15. Invisible Prince.16. Prince of Happy Land.

And jointly of-

- 29. The Deep Deep Sea.
 30. Olympic Devils.
 31. Olympic Revels.
 32. Paphian Bower.
 33. Telemachus.

Besides dramas, farces, &c .-

- The Captain of the Watch.

- Reputation.
 Day of Reckoning.
 Child of the Wreck.
 Faint Heart never Won Fair Lady.
- Loan of a Lover. Follies of a Night. Pride of the Market.
- Jenkinses.
- Secret Service.
- Queen's Horse.

 Mysterious Lady.

 A Peculiar Position.

 Printer's Devil.

- Hold your Tongue.
 My Great Aunt.
 My Heart's Idol.
- Irish Post. 55. Irish Post.
 56. Queen Mary's Bower.
 57. Court Favour.
 58. Grist to the Mill.
 59. Who's your Friend?
 60. Court Beauties.

That Mr. Planché must have written many more pieces for the stage than we have named in this list is clear, from the fact that when he produced Charles XII. at Drury Lane Theatre in November 1828, it was his fifty-fifth dramatic production. It has indeed been calculated that of one kind or another he has altogether written about two hundred pieces. It was a fortunate circumstance for Mr. Planché that many of the above pieces which have produced the greatest effect upon the public were put upon the stage by, and under the management of, Mme, Vestrus. Her exquisite taste, unbounded

liberality, and managerial tact alone could have rendered full justice to extravaganzas which depended not so much upon a brilliant fire of jokes as upon smooth and elegant rhymes, clever construction, and a happy way of telling the story. There is enough of mere joking in one of such burlesques as now delight the audiences of the Strand and Haymarket Theatres to provide a dozen of Mr. Planché's works with that material; but then, where Mr. Planché never suffered a joke to be wasted, but ledup to it and brought it forth in such a manner that it was impossible for the audience to miss it, the rising generation of burlesque-writers so dazzle and amaze the minds of their audiences with the ceaseless exhibition of their wit, that nine-tenths of the quips pass unheeded, and even the residue bewilders the hearers and makes them forget to laugh. To the old play-goers of London the memory is still dear of the palmy days of the Old Olympic, and the yet more recent reign of Charles Mathews and Mme. Vestris at the Lyceum, when Christmas and Easter came not more surely than a new extrava-ganza from the chaste and always amusing pen of Mr. Planche. Of late years, however, Mr. Planche has been less abundant in his

Whether he begins to find that his fancy does not respond so quickly to his call as before, or whether it is that the loss by marriage of his two accomplished daughters has deprived him of that assistance which they are said to have rendered him, we cannot say; but of late years the public has seldom had to congratulate itself upon more than one of Mr. Planché's compositions in a year. And even when he wrote the most abundantly, Mr. Planché was always one of the most careful and laborious of writers. The fine polish and easy flow of his language are of themselves a sufficient proof of this; but it is interesting as a fact, and is a lesson which should not be thrown away upon some of the younger writers for the stage who think it a fine thing to "throw off" a three-act drama at a sitting, that ten or a fine thing to "throw off" a three-act drama at a sitting, that ten or a dozen lines has been considered a good day's work by this veteran and accomplished writer. His very last composition, though certainly not the happiest or most successful of his writings, is characterised by all the grace, all the care, and all the marks of thought, which secured the success of "Fortunio" and the "Birds of Aristophanes." Take from this very piece ("Love and Fortune"), as a single example of Mr. Planché's style, the following philosophic song put into the mouth of Crimin. of Crispin:

Three score and ten, by common calculation,
The years of man amount to—but we'll say
He turns fourscore; yet, in my estimation,
In all those years he has not lived a day.
Out of the eighty you must first remember
The hours of night you pass asleep in bed;
And, counting from December to December,
Just hall your life you'll find you have been dead.
To forty years at once by this reduction
We come; and sure the first five of your birth,
While cutting teeth and living upon suction,
You're not alive to what this life is worth!
From thirty-five next take, for education,
Fifteen, at least, at college and at school,
When, notwithstanding all your application,
The chances are you may turn out a fool.
Still twenty we have left us to dispose of,
But during them your fortune you've to make;
And granting, with the luck of some one knows of,
Tis made in ten, that's ten from life to take.
Out of the ten yet left you must allow for
The time for shaving, tooth and other aches—
Say four, and that leaves six, too short, I vow, for
Regretting past and making fresh mistakes!
Meanwhile each hour dispels some fond illusion,
Until at length, sans eyes, sans teeth, you may
Have scarcely sense to come to this conclusion,
You've reach'd fourscore, but haven't lived a day;

Mr. Planché's great knowledge of costume, and of the history and Mr. Planché's great knowledge of costume, and of the history and antiquities of the same, has been of great service to him in his dramatic career; for it not only enabled him to render the most valuable assistance to the management in mounting his pieces upon the stage, but he has at all times been consulted by them as to the pieces of other authors, and especially the revivals of old plays. It is recorded of him that he was specially deputed by the proprietors of Covent Garden Theatre to attend the coronation of Charles X., in order that he might direct the reproduction of the negrent upon the stage of that he might direct the reproduction of the pageant upon the stage of that theatre. His antiquarian knowledge has also been of service to him in enabling him to hold the prominent position which he occupies in the Heralds' College.

In addition to his dramatic writings Mr. Planché has also published

several books. Among others:

Lays and Legends of the Rhine. 1826. Descent of the Danube. 1827. [Since reprinted as a guide-book to that river.

The History of British Costume.

1834. [One of the volumes in the "Library of Entertaining Knowledge.]

Besides these, he wrote the notes upon costume for Mr. Charles Knight's "Pictorial Shakspere," and those upon costume and furniture in the "Pictorial History of England." On the occasion of the Queen's Coronation, in 1838, Mr. Planché produced a work on regal records of the Coronation of Queens. He has also published a very capital translation of the fairy tales of the Countess D'Aulnoy—a collection whence he has upon more than one occasion drawn the subject of an extravaganza or burlesque.

The North British Mail says that the University Independent Union have intimated that the Liberal Association have agreed to concentrate their support on Lord Elgin at the ensuing election of a Lord Rector of Glasgow University. As these associations are both possessed of great influence, there is every probability of Lord Elgin's return. The Conservative Club have not announced a candidate as yet, though the Earl of Shaftesbury, the Lord Justice-Clerk, and Mr. Disraeli, have all been freely talked of.

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OWLGLASS.

The Marvellous Adventures and Rare Conceits of Master Tyll Owlglass. Newly corrected, chronicled, and set forth in our English tongue, by Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie, F.S.A.; and adorned with many most diverting and cunning devices, by Alfred Crowquill. London: Trübner and Co. pp. 255.

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EVERY NATION HAS ITS MODEL FOOL, its prize zany, its petted, chartered libertine, who, far from being a fool in the modern sense of the word, was a fellow of shrewd sense and caustic tongue, who used folly for a cloak to his wit, and was permitted to take liberties of speech with potentates which would have perilled the heads of graver men. Maître Rabelais was a person of this sort in France. Master Scogin, who jested in the Court of Henry VII., and whose quips and witty sayings furnish matter weighty enough to be thought worthy of being collected by solemn Dr. Andrew Boorde, physician to Henry VIII., played some such a part in England. In Germany the model fool is Eulenspiegel, or Owlglass, whose doings and sayings fill the pages of the beautiful little volume before us, and supply subjects for the quaint woodcuts with which cunning and humorous Alfred Crowquill hath embellished the same. Nowadays we have no need of these jesters—at embellished the same. Nowadays we have no need of these jestersentoemsted the same. Nowadays we have no need of these jesters—at least in their old form; under new disguises they are more plentiful than before. What is the pet of society, the diner-out, but a very weak and diluted Owlglass? What is the leading-article writer, who sharply rebukes those in high places, but Owlglass with a tithe of his sense and none of his wit? What is the "comic writer" of the day, but Owlglass with a tithe of his wit and none of his sense? Yes, Owlglass is still among us. He has no can and hells now does he carry charged—just as the coat and bauble have—but the institution of Owledges is by the page and bauble have—but the institution of Owledges is by no received and bauble have—but the institution of Owledges is by no received and bauble have—but the institution of Owledges is by no received and the coat and bauble have—but the institution of Owledges is by no received and the coat and bauble have—but the institution of Owledges is by no received and the coat and bauble have—but the institution of Owledges is by no received and the coat and bauble have—but the institution of Owledges is by no received and the coat and bauble have—but the institution of Owledges is by no received and the coat and bauble have—but the institution of Owledges is by no received and the coat and bauble have—but the institution of Owledges is by no received and the coat and bauble have—but the institution of Owledges is by no received and the coat and bauble have but the institution of Owledges is by no received and the coat and bauble have but the institution of Owledges is by no received and the coat and bauble have but the institution of Owledges is by no received and the coat and bauble have but the institution of Owledges is by no received and the coat and bauble have but the coat and bauble have

changed—just as the coat and bauble have—but the institution of Owlglass is by no means extinct among us.

We do not propose to follow Mr. Mackenzie into all the questions which he has hinted at rather than discussed in his preface. We do not, as he does, see any but a very hazy resemblance between "Owlglass" and "Gil Blas"; still less do we detect any family likeness between him and any of Shakespeare's clowns—least of all the fool in "Lear." That Eulenspiegel, or Owlglass, was perfectly well known in England in Shakespeare's time is clear from Ben Jonson's reference to him under the name of Howleglass: rence to him under the name of Howleglass:

name of Howleglass
An Howleglass
To come to pass
On his father's ass;
There never was,
By day, nor night,
A finer sight,
With feathers upright
In his horned cap,
And crooked shape,
Much like an ape,
With owl on fist
And glass at wrist.
I languages in Europe

There are, indeed, few languages in Europe into which the adventures of this arch-mystificator have not been translated. The French take bodily from him a word, and convert "Eulenspiegel" into "espièglerie," which Mr. Carlyle very forcibly translated dog's-trick. The prevalent form of his humour was, indeed, the execution of mere mischief, which he invariably excused upon the plea that he had done nothing but execute the commands of his victims literally. Take the following, "the Fifty-and-Second Adventure," as a specimen of his

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Owlglass tarried not at any time in doing his evil knavery. And he came unto Einbeck after a time, and in that town did he hire him unto a brewer to be his man. Then came it to pass, that the brewer his master desired to go unto a wedding; and he spake unto Owlglass, and said unto him: "Do thou brew with the maid while I am away from hence, and to morrow will I return to help thee in thy labour. Yet, above all, do ye not forget to put hops into the beer, so that it shall savour strongly thereof, and he a most desirable thing to buy." And Owlglass answered and said unto his master, that would he diligently perform unto his content. Then did the brewer with his wife depart out of the door to the wedding. Then began Owlglass to brew the beer; and the serving-woman taught him what he should do, forasmuch as she understood it better than he did. And when it came to be time that the hops should be put therein, the maid said unto him: "Lo! my dear fellow-servant, thou canst boil the hops alone as well as while I am with thee. Therefore do thou boil them, and I will go for an hour unto the dance." And Owlglass said: "Yea;" and thought within himself: "When that she hath departed out of the way, then canst thou better do thy knavery. What shall it be that thou wilt do unto this brewer?" Now the brewer had in his house a great dog whose name was Hops; and when the water was hot, took Owlglass the poor beast, and threw him into the vat, and boiled him therein, so that the flesh was boiled from off the bones, and the skin and hair was sodden altogether. Thereafter though the maid, that it was time she should return home unto Owlglass, for the hops must have been seethed enough. She entered in unto him, and spake unto him: "Lo! my brother, now have the hops, seethed enough; draw off." Then took she a sieve and strained the beer, but found nought therein; then said she unto Owlglass: "Hast thou also put therein the hops, as I said unto ye? I find

commanded me that did I. I seethed therein Hops our dog." It fortuned that the brewer then entered in unto them, and he had drunken himself drunk at the wedding; and he said unto them: "Ha! ha! what is that ye do, my children?" Then answered the maid, and said unto him: "Lo! I did but go for half an hour unto the dance, and bade this our new man to seethe the hops in the beer; and he hath taken our dog and has seethed him. Behold, ye may see his bones." Then spake Owiglass and said: "Truly did I nothing more than ye enjoined me to do. Ye said that Hops should I seethe, and that have I done. But ye are ungrateful when that I am obedient. Had ye servants which ever did that which ye commanded as I have done, would ye surely have great content." Then departed he, and was wroth that they thanked him not.

Here the whole humour lies in the pretence which the knave makes that he mistook the order to boil the hops for a command to boil the dog, whose name was "Hops." Far-fetched enough as a joke, surely; but this is the pattern after which most of the adventures of Master Owlglass are cut, and he must be indeed possessed of more than German stolidity to bear the constant repetition of the same idea which is continually occurring in the book. That Owlglass partook of the common infirmity of these mischievous jesters, and could not bear a joke when it was turned against himself, is clear from the following:

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Christopher was the name of a bootmaker, who, in Brunswick, lived upon the Cabbage-market. Unto him on a time went Owlglass, that he might have his boots greased. And when that he came into the house he opened his mouth and said: "Master, an if ye will smear me these boots well and thoroughly I will pay your demand, so that I have them by Monday." And the master answered and said: "Yea, truly shall ye have them." Then departed Owlglass from the house, and thought no longer thereupon; for when wise men say things shall be done, it is the fool's fault if they be not. And after that he had gone his way, the bootmaker's man said: "Behold, master, have a care; for that is Owlglass, and to all men doth he work knavery. Do, therefore, that he said, or he will work ye a vile turn." Then answered the master and said: "What would he have?" And the man said: "He said, smear me these boots and thoroughly. Therefore do ye according to his words, and smear ye them within and without." Then answered the master unto him and said: "That will I do." So did he in truth. And on the Monday cometh Owlglass, and he saith unto them: "Have ye my boots ready?" And the master had hung them upon a hook in his shop, and answered unto him and said, as he pointed unto them: "Behold, there have ye your boots as they hang." And Owlglass looked, and saw that they were so smeared within and without; and he laughed and said: "How good and pious a master bootmaker have I found, that he doth smear me my boots thoroughly. And what may ye desire to have for your pains?" Then spake the master: "An old penny will I have." Then did Owlglass give him an old penny he had by him, and departed from the house; and then laughed the master and his man, and said one to the other: "How may he take that? Surely now hath he been made a fool?" That heard our good Master Owlglass; and he put his head within the window so that

We cannot regard it otherwise than as a curious coincidence; but the following adventure of Master Owlglass looks certainly very like a kind of prophecy of the Blondin feats at Niagara:

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It hath been said of old time, by the wise and cunning: "When that the cat is out of the house, then play the mice." Thus fared it with Owlglass after that his father was dead. His mother had become old and full of years, and she could no longer have the mastery over Owlglass, and he did learn many greatly knavish conceits. And his mother was sorely troubled of Owlglass, and bore not with his knavery. Now it fortuned that the house where Owlglass and his mother did live lay hard by the river Saale, and Owlglass did go up into the garret of the house, and there did learn to dance upon a rope, until that his mother did find him going to and fro upon the rope, and did so belabour him with a cudgel that he fled through the window of the garret on to the roof, where she could not follow him. And this often came to pass, until he grew older, and she became weak and of no strength to have power over him. Then, though the, it was time that he should in open day render it manifest unto all, how great was his perfection in the art of dancing upon the rope, and he did stretch the rope across the river Saale, from one house even unto a house which lay over against them on the other side. And when that the people beheld such unwonted sport, they did run together, old and young, in a great crowd, and did marvel much that Owlglass should go hither and thither in so sure a manner upon the rope. Happiness is, however, but for the few, and seldom doth evil fortune fail to sow sorrowful seeds in the midst of joyous doings; and thus fortuned it, that the mother of Owlglass did hear the shouting of the people at the feats of Owlglass, and that she might reprove with heavy punishment the knavery of her son, she hastened to the place where the rope was tied, and cut it through with a knife secretly. Then did good Master Owlglass plump into the water with much mockery and despite; and all the people did laugh great

him, blessing the bath with much outcry. Thus did Master Owlglass come evilly off in his first undertaking.

Some of the anecdotes to be found in this collection are current even to the present day, and have been localised, in order, doubtless, to give them greater interest. The following prank has been told in our hearing many times as having actually occurred at two well-known taverns in Liverpool:

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It fortuned that in a village were there two innkeepers, who did with great hatred pursue each other, and they could not bear to live in friendship, or as neighbours should. And if it came to pass that the one did have in his house more custom than the other, then was there much anger and envy therefrom, and they grew ever more enemies thereafter. On a time it came to pass that Owlglass came thither, although thereby he ran great danger. And he entered into the house of one of these twain, and he spake unto the host, and asked of him whether for twelve pennies he might have wine? "Yea," answered the host, "that he might in good truth;" and went and brought him speedily a measure of wine. Thereafter asked Owlglass again, whether he might for twelve pennies have beef and salad? "Yea," said the host; and brought beef and salad, the which did Owlglass eat with rare enjoyment. And as he was eating the cook carried a fowl by on a plate, and Owlglass saw it, and he called for the host, and asked him if for twelve pennies he might have a part thereof? "Most truly," said the host. And behold his measure of wine was empty, and Owlglass moreover called the host unto him, and said: "Can I for twelve pennies again have wine?" "Yea," answered the host, and rejoiced in his good visitor, and brought him a fresh measure of wine. And Owlglass was full and fairly provisioned within, and he prepared to depart, and rose up, and he laid twelve pennies on the table, and then he would have departed out of the door. Thereat the host held him back, and said unto him that the money was not enough, and that he must pay four times as much. "What mean ye," said Owlglass. "Did not I ask ye every time if that I might have for twelve pennies that which I required? And now would ye have much more? How mean ye? There is my debt, and is it to be laid unto my charges that ye have not understood me?" Then saw the host that it was most plain he had been begailed;

Here, again, is the famous case wherein it was decided that the man who dined off the smell of the dinner should pay with the ring of the

One day Owlglass entered at Cologne into an inn, and it came to pass that the provision was put unto the fire to cook when that it was very late, and the time for dinner came soon therenpon. And Owlglass loved good cheer, and therefore was he wroth thereat, for he loved fasting no more than a pious friar. This perceived the host, and spake unto him, saying: "He that cannot bide until that dinner be ready, may eat that he hath." Then gat Owlglass as small loaf, and that did he eat; and thereafter sat down by the hearth at the fire, and he smelled the savour of the meat upon the spit, and it satisfied him. And when dinner-time came, the table was set and the meat brought up, and the host sate with the guests at the table, but Owlglass abode in the kitchen by the fire. Then said the host unto him: "Wilt thou not sit at meat with us?" "Nay." quoth Owlglass, "I care not to eat; with the savour of the coast am I filled." Then the host held his peace, and continued to eat with the guests, and after dinner they paid him and departed this way and that way; yet abode Owlglass by the fire. To him entered the host with his pay-table, and would have of him two Cologne pence for his dinner. And Owlglass said unto him: "Sir host, are ye that kind of man which demandeth pay of one who hath not eaten?" Then was the host angry, and said "he should pay, for an if he had not eaten of the meat, had not he confessed himself filled with the savour thereof?" Then took Owlglass forth a Cologne penny and threw it on the table, and said unto the host: "Hearest thou the sound of that penny?" 'Yea." quoth the host. And Owlglass forth a Cologne penny and threw it on the table, and said unto the host: "Hearest thou the sound of my penny is unto thee, even so much have I profited of the savour of thy meat." And when the landlord would have received the penny of him, Owlglass denied it unto him, and mocked him with much scorn, and departed thence over the Rhine water, and gat him back again into Saxony.

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The following story has passed current these many long years as having actually happened between the Prince Regent and Brummell:

Now that so happily had Owlglass, unto his great comfort and content brought to pass this knavery, departed he again, and journeyed unto the Bishop at Bremen, who loved Owlglass much; and by reason of his great wit and continual jests, did hold him in great honour. And he caused the bishop oftentimes to laugh right merrily, so that he gave unto Owlglass a house, in the which he had free provisions granted unto him by the bishop. When that he arrived there, Owlglass did as if he were tired, and desired to give up his knaveries, and was fain to enter into the church there to pray. At that mocked the bishop—as bishops have done before that time and since—at the arrived there, Owlglass did ās if he were tired, and desired to give up his knaveries, and was fain to enter into the church there to pray. At that mocked the bishop—as bishops have done before that time and since—at the resolve of Owlglass—yet would he not be persuaded, but gat him unto the church, and prayed until that time that he could not any longer bear the quips and quiddities the which were put upon him by the bishop. And privily had Owlglass with a market woman agreed, and she was the wife of a potter, and in the market-place sat she with pots and pans to sell: then did Owlglass pay unto the woman the price of all her ware, and enjoined her what she should do when that he gave unto her a sign. Thereafter departed Owlglass, and came unto the bishop as if he had come from the church, and the bishop reviled and mocked Master Owlglass, in that he was so pious and not any longer the same man. At last Owlglass said unto the bishop: "Gracious prince and reverend father! do ye now grant me to come unto the market-place, and there sitteth a potter's wife, and a wager will I set with you, that without my speaking unto her, or making a sign unto her with mine eye, I will cause, by magical words, the which I will mutter, that she shall rise up and take a stick and herself break in pieces all her ware." Then said the bishop unto Owlglass: "Such a thing would I fain behold." Therefore with him made the bishop a wager of thirty pieces of gold that the woman did it not. And Owlglass dacept the wager, and with the bishop gat him unto the market-place. Then did Owlglass show unto the bishop the woman where she sate, and they departed, and sate upon the house of the town council hard by. Then 'gan Owlglass to make incantation and conjuration, at the which stirred the potter's wife not a whit, and in good sooth the bishop rejoiced that he had most truly won his wager. At last gave Owlglass the sign unto the woman, the which they had agreed, thereupon arose she up and, taking a stick, doth soundly belabour the ware, and br it all in pieces very small. And with much content laughed the bishop; yet was vexed in the matter of the thirty pieces of gold, the which he had manifestly lost unto Master Owlglass. And when that they came again unto the bishop's court, did he confer privily with Owlglass, and said unto him: "If that he would discover unto him after what manner he had so brought it to pass that the woman should, after that wise, have broken her wares in pieces, then would he pay unto him the thirty pieces of gold." Then answered Owlglass unto the bishop, and said unto him: "Yea, gracious lord, that will I most cheerfully do." And therewith said unto him: "Most simple was this matter in every particular, for I paid unto the woman the price of her wares before that she brake them, and I made agreement with her beside."

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The bibliographical appendix which the editor has added to the volume will be of great interest and value to those who are curious in researches of that kind; but to all the reading public this edition of the "Adventures of Tyll Owlglass" will be very welcome, as one of the prettiest and pleasantest volumes of the season.

THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.

The Quakers, or Friends: their Rise and Decline. London: Samppp. 60. son Low, Son, and Co.

THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS has lately begun to set its house in order, and to ask how it is that year by year its numbers are becoming fewer and its influence less potent. Some of its members, not perhaps altogether content with the sanatory deliberations of the fraternity, offered some short time ago two separate prizes of one hundred guineas each for essays which should best contribute to the solution of the knotty point above mentioned. These prizes were not, we believe, restricted to actual members of the society; but, notwithstanding this liberality, such of the essays as we have seen, like the generality of prize exercitations, are not very valuable. Whether the essay before us is one of the unsuccessful lucubrations we cannot say, although we have a shrewd suspicion that this is the case. at present limit to two the charges we bring against it, viz.: that it sets out with assuming that the early doctrine of the Quakers was perfect, sets out with assuming that the early doctrine of the Quakers was perfect, or nearly so; and secondly, that it deals vastly too much in generalities. It is indeed to this first false assumption that we can trace the generalities in question. The writer will not allow, or at least refrains from mentioning, that the creed of the Society of Friends from the very first contained in itself, from its many inconsistencies or rather contradictions, the seeds of decay; and thus it is that in seeking reasons for this decay he has been obliged to have recourse to vague gene-

To begin with our first charge: the writer tells us Fox "saw no remedy for the wrongs of ecclesiastical presumption, and no way of restoration to faith and holiness, but, on the one hand, to deny the authority and ignore the ground and matter of the clergy's teaching, and, on the other, to insist on a return to the positive guidance of the New Testament, in the plainest and most direct acceptation of its word and spirit." He goes on to say: "Of its entire consistency with the Gospel ose only can doubt who are strangers to its precepts and principles." Of its members he says:

They would not bear arms, for "all that take the sword shall perish with the sword." They would not conform to the usages and spirit of the world, in the changing fashions of dress, in receiving or attributing titular distinctions, in fattering language, in salutations that were insincere, in humiliations before men which were capable of being understood as worship of worldly greatness. They would swear not at all, but let their communications be yea, yea, and nay, nay. They would contribute voluntarily nothing for the maintenance of church establishments, which they deemed superfluous in the details of their constitution, and contrary in doctrine and spirit to the teaching of Christ. They would uncover the head and bow the knee only in prayer to God. They practised no carnal ordinances, such as water-baptism and that known as the Supper of the Lord. They would bave no ritual, liturgy, devout offices, or common prayers. They would have no fore-appointed order of ministrations in their meetings for worship. No music. They would have no consecration of buildings, burial-places, or furniture; no pulpits, no pews, no sacerdotal or any special vestments for ministers; no pre-eminence among them, except such as should arise by each esteeming others better than himself.

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Thus, then, the Quaker had but two occupations to attend to, the Thus, then, the Quaker had but two occupations to attend to, the welfare of his soul and the increase of his worldly prosperity. "Wealth," says the writer, "is pursued with systematic purpose, and all the powers of the mind are bent to serve that end." At first, under the purifying influence of persecution, the Quakers had but little time to bestow on the acquisition of wealth; but when men got tired of harassing these willing marters then it came to pass that it tired of harassing these willing martyrs, then it came to pass that it might be said of the Friend, in the words of the writer: "Ordinarily, with greater or less degrees of purity and elevation of purpose, he apprehends with keen discernment the full extent to which that saying of the wise man is true, 'Money answereth all things.' saying of the wise man is true, 'Money answereth all things.' In all or some of its many forms material wealth is, therefore, the object of his studied labour and vigilant pursuit. And why should it not be?" Surely, we cannot help replying, money-getting holds out at least as great a temptation to immorality as dancing, not to say music. The many inconsistencies in the Quaker creed—which sprung out of the interpretation of the "New Testament in the plainest and most direct acceptation of its word and spirit," when that acceptation was untempered by knowledge and often by common sense—are almost entirely ignored by the writer; and yet we cannot help thinking that they have been of considerable importance in provoking the decay complained of. The Quaker, who thinks it a sin to call a man "Sir" or "Mr." does not hesitate to call him "Friend." though his feelings or "Mr.," does not hesitate to call him "Friend," though his feelings towards the person addressed may be anything but friendly. The use of the word "thou" for "you" laid many a stripe upon the backs of

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some of the primitive fathers of Quakerism, even at a time when "you" was almost in universal use as a singular pronoun. There might possibly be some excuse for the founders of Quakerism pretending to shudder at the names of January, February, &c., or Wednesday and Thursday. Yet no living member of the Society of Friends who is capable of passing an opinion upon the point can imagine that there is the least idolatry in the use of such words; and we scarcely wonder that the younger members of the society shrink from retaining such marks of offensive singularity. The dress, entirely ignored by the writer, tends, in our opinion, in no small degree to make these same younger members discontented with their sect, and we think not unnaturally. All of them must understand that there is no special reason for this vestimental mortification, except mere custom, and that it is quite possible to dress soberly and rationally without donning a costume two hundred years old, whose only recommendation at present is its extreme ugliness. How far the prohibition "not to bear arms" may go with Quakers, we cannot tell; we should imagine, however, that they would be scarcely so illogical as not to resist the attack of an invader. We believe they are found fully competent to take care of their gold and silver against unscrupulous Gentiles, capable even of spoiling a Quaker domicile. The writer of this pamplet informs us that the means and manner of reported in the problem of the shade of the server of the subject of his sessey. The writer of this pamphlet informs us that the means and manner of renovation and revival form no part of the subject of his essay.

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If the evils exist, their cure is apparent. Exhortation, entreaty, encouragement, and reproof, must arise as the fruit of upright, sincere, and zealous regard for the welfare of each other and the society. The source and opportunities of religious awakening and illumination are as open to each as to their forefathers; and although their duties and capabilities must in many respects differ, in consequence of the difference of their own and the state of the world around them, compared with that of former days, the nature, purpose, and spirit of efforts towards spiritual restoration and public usefulness cannot be liable to be greatly misunderstood. The resources of intellect so largely possessed by the Society, the faculty of discernment, of discreet and apposite adaptation of means to ends, and the material and social facilities in their power, will be well applied if the consciousness of solemn responsibility reach them, and the hope of a better future animate their efforts.

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We cannot help thinking that "exhortation, entreaty, encouragement, and reproof," by themselves, will hardly be sufficient to restore the tottering foundations of Quakerdom. So long as unnecessary burdens are laid upon the backs of its members, the Quaker creed can hardly flourish. We see no reason whatever why the outward peculiarities of the Society of Friends should not be altogether abolished; their creed is surely sufficiently distinctive of itself to retain its professors apart from other religious communities. No one, we suppose, regards with satisfaction this decadence. Those persons, indeed, who nk at all about it, can scarcely help feeling some regret at probably coming disappearance of such inoffensive and useful members of the national family as the Quakers. In our opinion this disap-pearance is ultimately certain. For nearly a hundred years has been spreading the

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Little pitted speck,
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Yet this decay may, perhaps, be retarded by wise and genial improvements on the part of the chiefs and elders of the Society. Let them be more sparing in "disownments," and look more to the spirit than the letter of the law. For our part, we cannot help feeling some little sympathy for the young English men and women who are gradually quitting the faith of their forefathers. We scarcely wonder that they spy no deadly phantoms lurking in music and poetry, and can see no particular reason for preferring drab to every other colour. Whether the theological tests of the Quakers can be maintained in their entirety we know not; but we are pretty certain it is not an easy matter to defend the usages by which they separate themselves from the rest of the nation in the ordinary intercourse of life. the nation in the ordinary intercourse of life.

Had the writer of these pages been less æsthetic and more practical his suggestions and opinions—had he touched upon the sublunary inconsistencies as well as upon the "spiritual wickedness" of the Quaker body—his pamphlet would not only have been more attractive,

but much more profitable reading.

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The Nut-Brown Maids; or, The First Hosier and his Hosen. A Family Chronicle of the Days of Queen Elizabeth. London: John W. Parker and Son. 1859. pp. 408.

THE SECOND HEADING OF THIS VOLUME explains its purpose better than the quaint and borrowed title of "Nut-Brown Maids." It is, in fact, an episode, very vividly and picturesquely narrated, from the life of that ingenious Cambridge clerk, Master William Lee, who forsook his quiet college chambers and the learned ease of Academe for love of the brown-eyed Miss Cicely Yorke; and who afterwards, from watching the motion of his wife's brisk fingers while knitting, became the inventor of the stocking-loom. Plot in this volume there is little or none; but the writer gives us a very lively idea while knitting, became the inventor of the stocking-loom. Plot in this volume there is little or none; but the writer gives us a very lively idea of English rural life as it was in good Queen Bess's golden days. The story commences with "the maiden Queen" paying a visit to her ancient University of Cambridge, where, in the great hall of Trinity, grave and learned doctors, masters, fellows, and students are busy rehearsing a play for her Majesty's entertainment. Before her had come Cecil, and in her train many noblemen, and amongst them Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, then High Steward of the University. Five days the Queen remained at the lodgings of the Provost of King's College and at Trinity, now hearing a Latin sermon, and now a Greek play; hailing ivy-clad Pembroke with the salutation "O domus antiqua et religiosa!" or presenting a "pretty young man" of the name of Preston a pension of 20%. per annum for his good looks and acting in the play of "Dido." The writer gives us, perhaps, a somewhat too flattering picture of the personal appearance of the Virgin Queen:

Even in the midst of this lavish profusion of glittering stones on hair, stomacher, sleeves, and girdle, the personal traits of the great Queen were very far from vulgar. The fine proportions and regal carriage, the broad brow, the pale Roman nose, the piercing grey eyes, the tapering delicacy of the lower part of the face—as widely removed from sensual grossness in youth as in age it approached the type of shrewish spinsterhood—the wavy, light brown hair, the small white hands. Alas! poor cheek—withered long before the heart lost its yearning for love akin to its own, poor falcon-eye—dimmed by many a tear of pique and pain, glazed and darkened at last with the horror of a bootless remorse.

However, there is no cloud upon her brow now, as she sits, in the golden prime of her age, in the great hall of Trinity, surrounded by gallant lords and gay ladies. Doubtless some of the grave and learned elders of the University would have been better pleased had she admired and rewarded their learned dissertations and deep scholastic logic, rather than the good looks of the youthful scholar Preston, or the excellent acting of Master William Lee; though the latter's reward was something much less substantial than the solid pension of twenty pounds per annum, being but a golden chessman, yet still an enviable gift when presented by a young and gracious queen.

A few miles from Cambridge, on the banks of the Cam "with his hoary mantle and his bonnet sedge," was Barne-elms, the residence of Master Richard Yorke, the father of "Ye Not-browne Maydes." Hither often came Master William Lee, then a young man of twenty-four years old, "comely enough though pale," and "of a hard, cold aspect;" full of learned ambition, as one might well be who preaspect;" full of learned ambition, as one might well be who preferred the cloistered shade of Cambridge to the service, proffered by herself, of Queen Elizabeth. Not much of a favourite with Nan Yorke, just sweet sixteen, or Cicely, her sister, two years older, was the grave silent student who was ever so welcome a visitor to their father. They felt somewhat angered, indeed, that their father preferred the conversation of the grave young clerk to the lively gossip of their courtier-cousin, Dick Yorke; that he preferred hearing of the last doings at the University, rather than the freshest news from Court; that he was so anxious to know whether Master Lee had tested the elixir of salts; what new piece Henslowe had issued in tested the elixir of salts; what new piece Henslowe had issued in London; and whether the doctors at home had agreed in their dispute on hexameters or the pronunciation of Greek.

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Master Lee was proceeding to mention to Master Yorke, with a little exultation dashed by a not improper shyness, that he had, within the last se'en days, been elected a Fellow of his college, and so could pursue his studies without fear of molestation from cruel necessity, but, on the contrary, was liberally provided in estate for life. Master Yorke congratulated him with great kindness, drank his health, and almost sighed that he could not be a Fellow, to sleep under the vast charmed roof, and be dieted by the commons' table of one of the great colleges, and read and ponder for all the days of his life, without farther hindrance than the founders had decreed to their disciples. Cicely had very different thoughts of a Fellowship, with its genteel dole, and its obligation to grow grey without kindred. What was it but to be deprived of more animated and sweeter bosom friends than acquaintances and rivals, and those idolised books and cabalistic instruments—but dull characters on senseless parchments, or cold metal to the failing eye and the dizzy brain—to come in fagged from tutorship or chaplainship, and find no more genial company in the close and dusty chamber than a printed page or a brazen circle—to have no brave young wife to regard and rule, no helpless little children to sit on his knees, no foolish daughters like herself and Nan to tease and chide—no grieved but hopeful children to take their last look of his clay-cold face, put the rosemary within his stiff hand, and think to follow him where his Master and theirs had promised to receive them to love, and holiness, and blessedness.

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Even Lord Bishops were not prevented from marrying, though the Queen liked not the practice, and was said to have thus addressed the wife of Archbishop Parker: "Madam I may not call you; mistress I am ashamed to call you; and so I know not what to call you."

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For how Dick Yorke fell under the Queen's displeasure, and how
Nan and her cousin married and fled from England with their father,
leaving Cicely to take refuge with Master Tobie Yorke of Crossby,
we must refer our readers to these pages. Master Tobie Yorke, for
various reasons, staves off the invitation, not suspecting that his cousin
Cicely is friendless; and so, while her father is reflecting with thankfulness that his Cicely is safe with her cousins of Crossby, she has been
obliged to return to the deserted and desolate mansion of Barne-elms.

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There stood Cicely in the faint, flickering light, arrested, frezen with ghastly fear, in the centre of the hall; and there, with a great gasp of consolation, she knew William Lee, in his dripping cloak, standing opposite her, where he had forced a pathway. "God's love, what is this Mistress Cicely?" he cried incoherently. "Is Master Yorke haled to prison? Am I too late? I was here last night, but you had other company. Have they taken all else, and left yon? God be thanked, you have escaped."—"My father is gone in time, sir," she said, slowly; and she repented with the swiftness of thought that she had not already taken comfort in this. A stranger thanked God heartily for her escape, why had she forgotten her father's safety? Where had been her filial gratitude? "And why are you here, madam, all alone and uncared for? This is no place for you," he went on hurrieally. Cicely was silent; she had a nervous, perverse impulse to resent his control, and echo disparagingly, "And this is no place for you." He flung down his cloak and cap, and advanced passionately—"Mistress Cicely, there is none between thee and me." She put out her hands, it might have been to thrust him back, it might have been to throw herself upon his

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protection, but she cried out all the same: "Master Lee, remember yourself and spare me." He did not retreat; he did not pause. "Mistress Cicely, you have none left but me—let come what will;" and she was in the haven of his arms. So Dick Yorke's offence and peril, and Master Yorke's undoubting confidence in his kinsman, and Master Tobie of Crosby's halting hesitation, brought about that folly. "Get thee ready, sweetheart," enjoined Lee; "in with me to Cambridge; I will find thee poor but respectable shelter for this night, and we will wed to-morrow morn, if priest and cassock, book and bell, are to be had for love or money."

It was, indeed, somewhat hazardous for a clerk to marry at all in Elizabeth's time. She was disposed to insist on the celibacy of the clergy, and refused to authorise their marriage by an express law; may, such marriages contracted in former reigns she would not allow to be declared valid; and the sons of both Cranmer and Archbishop Parker were obliged to procure private bills of legitimation. How-ever, the deed is done; and Master Lee returns a married Fellow to his chambers in Trinity, while Mistress Lee takes up her abode at a cottage behind the orchard of the Master of Trinity, occupied by a College servant with an honest but somewhat sour wife. The marriage was to be concealed until some preferment fell vacant which Master Lee could accept; and occasionally Cicely stole up into her husband's rooms in Trinity, until Whitgift, then Dean of Trinity, afterwards Bishop of Worcester and Archbishop of Canterbury, with his fierce stern face and haughty port, one day uninvited presented himself before the astonished pair. This divine, afterwards a second Wolsey, who rode with "one hundred foot and fifty horse of his own servants," trained and armed, and in his progresses to Canterbury had his escort "swollen to above a thousand by gentlemen volunteers," was a most determined advocate of the celibacy of the clergy, and even went beyond bis royal mistress in his contempt for woman, and was not likely to be very tender to a Fellow transgressing his oath. Accordingly Master Lee is dismissed at once from Trinity. He and his wife, not very wisely, quit Cambridge and travel as far as Nottingham, and where Lee, whose reputation was well known, is to take pupils. She works late and early, ever cheerful and happy:

Picture her neither in the peasant weeds of Mother Stacies', nor in the pretentious maiden attire of Barne-elms, but in her russet gown—10 pearls now about her round throat, no silken caul on her black hair—the homely material fitted in to the long waist, and drawn in to the high shoulder puffs; a large pouch in the front of the skirt laden with the gear—the sewing-balls, the knitting-clews, the folded recipes, the nutmegs and crabs of the great housewife; keys at her side, too (no longer the chased keys of Barne-elms), shears and pincushion; and on her head the spotless linen coif, whose quaint, gevere plainness, so trying a test to most faces, set off the noble profile whose perfection of bold line, and rounded curve, and rich olive tone, belonged rather to matron than maiden beauty. beauty.

But, alas for Lee! he begins to think regretfully of the college ease which he has abandoned; "he harps like a possessed man on Crichton the Scot, who was plucking by turns all the laurels of continental Europe, and to whom even Manutius, the great scholar, dedicated his works in an enistle filled with laudations." and so his dedicated his works in an epistle filled with laudations; and so his pupils drop away, one after one, until none remain behind. Yet Cicely now undertakes to teach; and though the Latin grammar was superseded by the horn-book, yet numerous little feet trod daily the brick-floored rooms of Dame Cicely; and, if not wealthy, Master Lee and his wife had enough to live on, and something to spare. A few more seasons pass, and then the Act of Uniformity begins to be put into execution; and though Lee and his wife had once given way to deceit, they would not hide their faith. And then came upon them much suffering, and hardly could the nimble fingers of Cicely, by ever

working at knitting, maintain her husband and children.

The remaining part of William Lee's life belongs to history. While watching his wife knitting, he conceived the idea of inventing a loom which should save her all such weary toil. How he succeeded—after "long days of labour and nights devoid of ease," and after Cicely had st begun to doubt whether her husband would ever recover from his deep fits of abstraction—is known to most readers of history. Equally well known is it, too, how the jealous artisans of Nottingham destroyed his loom, and how Lee appealed to the Queen for help and protection, and found both. The whole story of Lee's life is well told in these pages; and the author's taste and reading have enabled him to represent very accurately English life and feeling as they were under Shakespeare's "chaste virgin throned in the west."

VOYAGES AND TRAVELS.

The New and the Old; or, California and India in romantic Aspects.

By J. W. Palmer, M.D., Author of "Up and down the Irrawaddi; or, the Golden Dagon." With thirteen illustrations.

London: Sampson Low, Son, & Co., 1859, pp. 433.

The West Indies and the Spanish Main. By ANTHONY TROLLOPE,
Author of "Barchester Towers," &c. London: Chapman and Hall.

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THE WRITER OF THE FORMER VOLUME does not pretend to narrate incidents of travel in the ordinary way. He aims at no method, no regular chronicling of events as he goes to and fro over the surface of the earth. He deals, in fact, rather with the history the surface of the earth. He deals, in fact, rather with the history of individuals than with that of soils and climates; and if suffering be romance, he has seen California, if not India, in a sufficiently romantic We may mention that the writer was first City Physician of San Francisco in 1849; and a few years later, a surgeon in the East India Company's Service. Our traveller landed in California in the middle of the year 1849 with a very scanty kit, and a very few

dollars in his purse. He had, in his eagerness to delve for gold, omitted to bring any stock of medicine with him—somewhat to his chagrin, when he found that quinine, the supposed remedy for all the ills that the good people of California were subject to, was selling for sixty-four dollars an ounce by auction, and indeed scarcely to be had for that price. Thus wofully short of ready money, what was our traveller to do? The merest dog-kennel was only to be hired at 100 dollars per month; and the free sandhill which lent him an uneasy resting-place for a night or two was alive with fleas. He then bethought himself of his half-dozen letters of introduction. Five gentlemen, friends of the family, were, as he tells us, most happy Five gentlemen congratulated him on arriving so early such a splendid country, and so judiciously taking time by the forelock. Five gentlemen remarked that medicine was selling at a fabulous high price, and that the sooner our Doctor got rid of all the stock he had not got, the better. Five gentlemen animadverted upon the dangers of gambling to the inexperienced traveller; remarked that just at happened to be exceedingly busy; wished their newlyfound friend all possible prosperity—and shook hands with him. There remained one other letter of introduction, upon which our traveller remained one other letter of introduction, upon which appa-was not now disposed to set any very high value, and which apparently he was not in a hurry to present to the person indicated. The Doctor, however, happens to see the gentleman in question one evening at the bar of the Parker House, presents his introductory letters, and is astonished by the recipient drawing fifty dollars from his pocket, and offering them to him with thanks. The Doctor at first steadily refuses to receive the proffered coin, but is at last persuaded on finding that the donor's father owed this amount to his (the Doctor's)

"Captain," I said, "I have never bet a sixpence on a card in my life. Since I arrived here I have not once looked on at play, even as a merely curious spectator. I do not know this game of monte; I have never known any game of cards. Now monte shall dispose of these three rascally onnees for us, more troublesome than the poet's Giuli Trc. I will stake them on a card; if they are lost, there will be an end of our dispute, and you can tell your father you paid me. If they win, we will divide the spoils." "Agreed! and you will be sure to win—the Devil is always kind to the green gamester."

And win our novice did, to the amount of 384 dollars; and "the And win our novice did, to the amount of 384 donars; and the Captain, princely fellow, worthy to be king of the diggings, waived his right to share." A few hours after a placard on the broadside of an adobe house in Sacramento-street, and an imposing advertisement in the Alta California journal announced to the invalids of San Francisco. cisco that a new Hippocrates sought their patronage. The Doctor's private practice soon brought him in from seventy-five to a hundred dollars per diem; and to this was added a tolerably lucrative official appointment. Let such of our readers, however, as may imagine that our author is now on the high road to wealth, recollect that at this time the plainest dinner cost ten dollars; boots were forty dollars a pair, and potatoes a dollar a pound; bad champagne could not be had under ten dollars a bottle; and the hair-dresser's fee was five dollars. Subsequently, we were almost going to say consequently, the Doctor left San Francisco without a dime. In the earlier half of this book he narrates some of the incidents which came under his notice in his official capacity. We giv punishment of a faithless Chilian wife: We give an episode recounting the

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There is in Chili a quaint satirical rogue of a law, to this day worthily accepted, which requires that if a man detect his wife in the very article of wantonness, he shall not take her life, nor maim, nor bruise her; but he may dismiss her from his bed and board, drive her out into the highway, naked if he will; only he shall first give her shoes to her feet, and a loaf of bread, or its equivalent, a real. Now, when Mariquita came down, to breakfast with her good, easy husband, pale, hoarse, rigid, biting the lips of her heart, all was as usual—plantains, chocolate, buns, flowers, and Joachim; except that, at her place, beside her plate, were a pair of old slippers and a battered real. At first she would have fainted, and then she would have fled; but her eyes met, just in time, the eyes of Joachim, and found something there which forbade either movement. So she sat still, very still, toying vacantly with the chocolate; while he, now become the sublime genius of ruthless retribution, ran on carelessly about the mists on the vineyards, and the white nightcap of Monte Diabolo, and the glancing gulls seaward. Till, at the end of an accursed lifetime, so it seemed to her, he arose, and bowed; whereupon, without a look or word, from first to last, she retired to her chamber. And so it went on for a month, he meeting her only at breakfast—always the slippers and the real, the silence and the flippant mockery, the agony and the rack. Once she would have escaped; but the obedient doors laughed at her with all their bolts and bars, and paid servants, arned to the teeth, were deaf, and only bowed. Once, he flung herself existent at Leaching's feet and would have eleaned his knees. have escaped; but the obedient doors laughed at her with all their bolts and bars, and paid servants, armed to the teeth, were deaf, and only bowed. Once, she flung herself, abject, at Joachim's feet, and would have clasped his knees, imploring him to slay her, beat her to death with slow instalments of stripes—only take away, take those away. Joachim tapped on the bell, and forced her to gather herself up in awkward, foolish confusion. Another month, and she was happy—playing idiotically with the real, maundering baby-songs over the slippers. Then Joachim converted all his worldly goods into a piece of paper and sent her home with it to her father.

Mr. Karl Joseph Kraft, to whom we are now about to introduce our readers, first entertains some friends at his room most agreeably, and then complies with his visitor's request:

One evening, about dusk, when the rest had departed, tired with their fruitless coaxing and cursing, a young man in whose generous confidence Mr. Krafft had formerly held the highest place, who had endorsed for him recklessly, whom indeed Krafft loved, but whom he had ruined—if a man could be ruined in California in forty-nine—came, and in set phrases of insult, most deliberately, skilfully cruel, accused, condemaed, punished him. They had been old and very intimate friends, which gave the creditor an almost dreadful advantage; he knew the "raws" of his man, and he tore them, till Mr. Karl Joseph Krafft could have shrieked. But he gallantly preserved his habitual composure, and only said—"If you will not stop saying such dangerous things, I have pistols at hand, and we must go behind the house together." "No sir!" the other

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answered; "I won't fight you; you must learn to be honest before you can afford to be brave. There is but one just debt, Mr. Krafft, that you will ever pay, and that's the debt of nature. Make society and your disgusted friends the only reparation in your power, by blowing your brains out with those very pistols you flourish so saucily." "Well, I'll think about it," said Mr. Krafft. The young man was going. But suddenly, by a most strange impulse, he turned, and walking straight to Mr. Krafft, said, "Forgive me, sir." "We will forgive each other," said Mr. Krafft.—"Good night! I will pay you in the morning." Next morning, at nine o'clock, Mr. Karl Joseph Krafft blew out his brains—literally, all his brains.

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There is indeed not a little of pathos and tragedy in the Doctor's narrative. The following sketch is of one of his first patients:

Hither I was called one night to attend a Creole girl from New Orleans, who had just been stabbed, at a masked ball in the saloon, by a jealous Chilena. I found the beautiful fury—Camille La Reine, they called her—blaspheming over a gashed shoulder, and devoting the quick-striking vixen of Valparaiso to a hundred fates, any one of which vied in novelty of borror with the most esteemed inventions of Mr. G. W. Reynolds or Mr. Geo. Lippard. Her round, white, dimpled, dangerous shoulder lav, along with the black drift of her hair, in a slab pool of her own bad blood. The handsome wretch cursed, between the sharp stitches of my suture needle, at the Adams' revolver that had hung fire, and the blood that had got in her eyes. And La Reine Camille was in earnest; for six weeks after that, the Pacific News announced that the notorious Mariquita, the beautiful Chilian spitfire, had had her throat cut with a bowie-knife, in the hands of the splendid Creole Camille, in a "difficulty" at one of those mad masked balls at La Senorita saloon.

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We have the satisfaction of knowing before we cut the first page of Mr. Trollope's book that it cannot be dull. Its writer may be mistaken in some of his facts and conclusions, may possibly too be somewhat dogmatical in his theories; but he never can be prosy. Here is a ponderous volume indited and published between the February of the present year and this dull month of November, indited too as a mere pastime while its writer is travelling on official business. Nor can it be said that the countries it treats of are terræ incognitæ: they are well known by description to nearly all of us, and better by sad experience to those few who were once lords of wide acres of sugarcane, before British philanthropy had made such acres almost valuecane, before British philanthropy had made such acres almost valueless. Nevertheless, we cannot say that Mr. Trollope's volume is de trop, or that his fertile genius could have been much better employed

trop, or that his fertile genius could have been much better employed than in giving us these picturesque sketches of the West Indies and the Spanish Main. With the particular business that led Mr. Trollope to tempt the dangers of the deep we have nothing to do. Mr. Rowland Hill and the Postmaster-General may, for aught we know, have seen good to extend some beneficent postal regulation to Queen Victoria's lieges in her West Indian dependencies. What Mr. Trollope's special mission was is no concern of ours; and we only make these remarks to remind our readers that he was not a dilettante traveller in search of the picturesque.

Mr. Trollope commences his diary on board some nameless trading brig, rolling helplessly about on her voyage from Kingston to Cien Fuegos on the southern coast of Cuba, and works up a picture which is quite comic in its tragedy. We shall, however, begin at the beginning, and go back to the town which Mr. Trollope has just sailed from, viz. Kingston, in Jamaica. We shall assume that our readers are for the most part tolerably familiar with this unfascinating emporium—that they can picture to themselves quite as accurately as is necessary its heat and dirt, its wooden houses and bankrupt-looking streets, its musquitoes and other entomological pests. bankrupt-looking streets, its musquitoes and other entomological pests.

Mr. Trollope, somewhat peevish perhaps, from the effects of a tropical sun and the affectation of the negroes, as well, too, as from the circumstance that white kid gloves cost 4s. 6d. per pair, pronounces that "Kingston is a disgrace to the country that owns it." We can perhaps more readily condole with him that in the land of turtles no perhaps more readily condole with him that in the land of turtles no turtle-soup is to be had; and that, instead of yams, mountain cabbages, plantains, avocado pears, and innumerable other delicious vegetables, he could at his hotel get nothing but English pickles and watery English potatoes. The good people of Kingston, or at least the hotel keepers, wish to be fashionable; and therefore exclude such commonplace dishes as may be furnished by the turtle, preferring in their stead the more expensive, but not more tempting, refections of ox-tail soup and beefsteak and onions. Here are opinions which will perhaps seem to some a little heretical: seem to some a little heretical:

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And thus I am led to say, and I say it with sorrow enough, that I distrust the negro's religion. What I mean is this: that in my opinion they rarely take in and digest the great and simple doctrines of Christianity, that they should love and fear the Lord their God, and love their neighbours as themselves. Those who differ from me—and the number will comprise the whole clergy of these western realms, and very many beside the clergy—will ask, among other questions, whether these simple doctrines are obeyed in England much better than they are in Jamaica. I would reply that I am not speaking of obedience. The opinion which I venture to give is, that the very first meaning of the terms does not often reach the negro's mind, not even the minds of those among them who are enthusiastically religious. To them religious exercises are in themselves the good thing desirable. They sing their psalms, and believe, probably, that good will result; but they do not connect their psalms with the practice of any virtue. They say their prayers; but, having said them, have no idea that they should therefore forgive offences. They hear the commandments and delight in the responses; but those commandments are not in their hearts connected with abstinence from adultery or calumny. They delight to go to church or meeting; they are energetic in singing psalms; they are constant in the responses; and, which is saying much more for them, they are wonderfully expert at Scripture texts; but—and I say it with grief of heart, and with much trembling also at the reproaches which I shall have to endure—I doubt whether religion does often reach their minds. . . In many respects the negro's phase of humanity differs much from that which is common to us, and which has been produced by our admixture of blood and our present extent of civilisation. They are more passionate than the white men, but rarely vindictive, as we are.

wrath, but no injury produces sustained hatred. In the same way, they are seldom grateful, though often very thankful. They are covetous of notice as is a child or a dog; but they have little idea of earning continual respect. They best love him who is most unlike themselves, and they despise the coloured man who approaches them in breed. When they have once recognised a man as their master they will be faithful to him; but the more they fear that master, the more they will respect him. They have no care for to morrow, but they delight in being gaudy for to-day. Their crimes are those of momentary impulse, as are also their virtues. They fear death; but if they can lie in the sun without pain for the hour, they will hardly drag themselves to the hospital, though their disease be mortal. They love their offspring, but in their rage will ill-use them fearfully. They are proud of them when they are praised, but will sell their daughter's virtue for a dollar. They are greedy of food, but generally indifferent as to its quality. They rejoice in finery, and have in many cases begun to understand the benefit of comparative cleanliness; but they are rarely tidy. A little makes them happy, and nothing makes them permanently wretched. On the whole they laugh and sing and sleep through life; and if life were all, they would not have so bad a time of it.

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If this analysis of negro character be true, it is hardly to be wondered at that the black man should decline to work after ten o'clock, a.m., and prefer, like Sancho Panza, "to nourish his little carcase," by reclining at ease under a cotton-tree, sucking oranges and eating bread fruit. Three or four days' labour in the week will enable him to do this, and occasionally ride a horse, and wear a white waist-coat and plaited shirt on Sundays. We commend the following extract to the special attention of those gentlemen who let their philanthropy occasionally outrun their common sense:

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The fact I take it is, that there are too many good things in Jamaicca for the number who have to enjoy them. If the competitors were more in number, more trouble would be necessary in their acquirement. And now, just at this moment, philanthropy is again busy in England protecting the Jamaica negro. He is a man and a brother, and shall we not regard him? Certainly, my philanthropic friend, let us regard him well. He is a man; and, if you will, a brother; but he is the very idlest brother with which a hard-working workman was ever cursed, intent only on getting his mess of pottage without giving anything in return. His petitions about the labour market, my excellently-soft-hearted friend, and his desire to be protected from undue competition, are—Oh, my friend, I cannot tell you how utterly they are—gammon. He is now eating his yam without work, and in that privilege he is anxious to be maintained. And you, are you willing to assist him in his views? . . . But one feels that the joke has almost been carried too far when one is told that it is necessary to protect the labour market in Jamaica, and save the negro from the dangers of competition. No immigration of labourers into that happy country should be allowed, lest the rate of wages be lowered, and the unfortunate labourer be made more dependent on his master! But if the unfortunate labourers could be made to work, say four days a week, and on an average eight hours a day, would not that in itself be an advantage? In our happy England men are not slaves; but the competition of the labour market forces upon them long days of continual labour. In our own country, ten hours of toil, repeated six days a week, for the majority of us will barely produce the necessaries of life. It is quite right that we should love the negroes; but f cannot understand that we ought to love them better than ourselves.

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Mr. Trollope waxes indignant with those persons who endeavour to prevent immigration into Jamaica under the plea that the immigration African may be ill-used. These immigrants are not ill-used in British Guiana, where they are numerous; and why they should be in Jamaica we see no possible reason. At the same time it is not to be wondered at that the black gentlemen, when they can spare half an hour from sucking oranges and nibbling pumpkins under their favourite cotton-tree, should meet together and protest against any immigrations which threaten to break their present monopoly of doing nothing and living on the fat of the land. Mr. Trollope's remarks on this head are well worthy of those Englishmen who, in their philanthropy, seem bent upon "absolutely consummating the ruin of the Jamaica planter." Here is a graphic picture of some laughable negro traits:

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One Sunday evening, far away in the country, as I was riding with a gentleman, the proprietor of the estate around us, I saw a young girl walking home from church. She was arrayed from head to foot in virgin white. Her gloves were on, and her parasol was up. Her hat also was white, and so was the lace and so were the bugles which adorned it. She walked with a stately dignity that was worthy of such a costume, and worthy also of higher grandeur; for behind her walked an attendant nymph, carrying the beauty's prayer-book—on her head. A negro woman carries every burden on her head, from a tub of water weighing a hundredweight down to a bottle of physic. When we came up to her she turned towards us and curtsied. She curtsied, for she recognised her "massa;" but she curtsied with great dignity, for she recognised also her own finery. The girl behind with the prayer-book made the ordinary obeisance, crooking her leg up at the knee, and then standing upright quicker than thought. "Who on earth is that princess?" said I. "They are two sisters who both work at my mill," said my friend. "Next Sunday they will change places. Polly will have the parasol and the hat, and Jenny will carry the prayer-book on her head behind her." I was in a shoemaker's shop at St. Thomas, buying a pair of boots, when a negro entered quickly and in a loud voice said he wanted a pair of pumps. He was a labouring man fresh from his labour. He had on an old hat—what in Ireland men would call a caubeen; he was in his shirt-sleves, and was barefooted. As the only shopman was looking for my boots, he was not attended to at the moment. "Want a pair of pumps—directrly," he roared ont is a very dictatorial voice. "Sit down for a moment," said the shopman, "and I will attend to you." He did sit down, but did so in the oddest fashion. He dropped himself suddenly into a chair, and at the same moment rapidly raised his legs from the ground; and as he did so fastened his hands acros

cate should not soil their stockings on the floor. The gentleman in search of the pumps had seen that people of dignity were supplied with such luxuries, and resolved to have his value for his money; but, as he had on neither shoes nor stockings, the little bit of carpet was hardly necessary for his material comfort.

Mr. Trollope, in his chapter on the government of Jamaica, gives as some equally amusing sketches of the working of Crown, Lords, and Commons, with their three readings, adjournments of the house, and counting out, and various other mimicries of our English constitution. We have not space to quote the graphic description (in pp. 128, et seq.) of a very fierce storm in an exceedingly small teacup, viz., the Chamber of the Legislative Council of Jamaica. Suffice to viz., the Chamber of the Legislative Council of Jamaica. Suffice to say, that motley is the colour its members not seldom prefer to wear. The chapter on Cuba contains very little that is new; indeed, we do not well see how it could be otherwise, considering the innumerable volumes that have been written on that island, ever since our American cousins have displayed such a pertinacious hankering after its

The chapters on British Guiana, Barbados, and Trinidad, are all smost interesting; some marks of haste in them we can detect, but even these are preferable to the slumberous correctness of the majority of modern travel-writers. We think, on the whole, we may say that this volume will even add to Mr. Trollope's already high reputation of modern travel-writers.

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A NEW-COMER we welcome Macmillan's Magazine, the first magazine of the month. Whatever may be the truth of the cruel tale about the comparison drawn between the names of Wits' Miscellany and that given by a well-known publisher, there can be no doubt that the periodical to which the enterprising Mr. Macmillan stands godfather is perfectly creditable to him as a literary projector. Of course the first impulse of every reader will be to turn to "Tom Brown's" contribution, the second paper of the number, "Tom Brown at Oxford," and they will be right. Undoubtedly it is the best and most readable article in the number. Judging from the first instalment, it is intended to be a searching and unsparing exposure of the vices of University life, and, so far as it has gone, it is quite up to the reputation which Mr. Huches has far as it has gone, it is quite up to the reputation which Mr. Hughes has already achieved. The article headed "Politics of the Present," by the Masson looks forth with a troubled eye, and emphatically pronounces that "Britain must make herself safe." The last article in the number is a "Colloquy of the Round Table," a conversation de omnibus rebus, a long way after the "Noctes," and not much better than the Constitutional Is it wise thus to challenge comparison either with the one or with the other ?

Fraser's opens with a capital review of Mr. Stapleton's "George Canning and his Times," followed by an article from India on the complicated and now interesting subject of Indian Finance. To this succeeds an instalment of Mr. Melville's novel "Holmby House;" an admirable comparison instituted between Mansel and Maurice; and a most excellent and amusing series of pictures of travel, entitled "Sketches framed in Olive Wood." The article, however, which is likely to create most attention in the present number is on "Alison's History of Europe from 1815 to 1852," in which an almost incredible number of blunders, slips, and omissions are pointed out and cruelly gibbeted. The "historian of Europe" has probably never experienced such a dressing as is this month administered to him in Regina.

Titan has a very readable and sensible article on "Sermon Literature the writer of which takes a more hopeful view of the present state of preaching in England than we should feel inclined to do. After this comes a tale called "My Early Days," a tale in seven chapters; a Russian story; and an agreeable gossip about Paris localities, whence we extract the following very curious story:

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The pieman and his neighbour were, as we have said, in great repute; and so they long continued, in spite of the Rue des Marmouzets having latterly acquired rather a bad character, for evil rumours concerning it had begun to circulate: it was said that passengers by night had been assassinated in it; their cries for help and of despair had been heard; blood had been seen in the gutter, and it could scarcely have proceeded from the phlebotomising of the barber, who knew well that he would have been heavily fined if he had thrown the blood, so is using, anywhere but into the river. So the reputation of the street grew worse and worse. But still the barber and the pieman prospered one evening all was explained. A scream was heard from the barber's shop, and presently a German student, who had entered it a little before, appeared at the door, tottering and pale, and with several wounds about his neck. The neighbours ran up, questioned him eagerly, and gathered from what he said, that as he had been passing, the barber (probably guessing him to be a stranger) had offered to shave him for nothing; that he had accepted the offer, had seated himself, but scarcely had done so, when the villain, who had got behind him, tried to cut his throat with the razor; that by a desperate effort he had managed, not only to disengage himself, but to tumble his assailant head foremost down a trap-door, which by good luck happened to be open. A rush was, of course, immediately made into the barber's shop: he was not to be seen; after a fruitless search above, they thought of searching below, so down they went into the cellar, and there they found the pieman cutting the barber to pieces. The little light that penetrated into the den had not allowed him, when his expected prey came down the trap, to make the important distinction that it was not his friend and confederate who had sent him down the German student, but the German student who had sent him down his friend and confederate. was not his friend and confederate who had sent him down the German student, but the German student who had sent him down his friend and confederate. All was now clear, the pieman's cellar being found to communicate with the barber's; it was also now understood why his pies had been so uncommonly good; for, as says the Père Dubreul in his account of the matter. "They were better than other pies just as, because of its finer feeding, human flesh is more delicate than any other." Nothing remains to be told but that the student recovered; that the pieman was burned along with his whole stock of pies (to us it seems that they should have received Christian burial); that the house that had been occupied by the two murderers was pulled down; and that it was of course simply because of the atrocities that had been committed there, that the popular indignation of the following century was roused at the accursed place being rebuilt upon. One of the most readable articles in Bentley's Miscellany for this month is a pleasant discursive one on "The French Almanacks for 1860." The "Mingle-Mangle" of "Monkshood" is to be commended; and "A Return Ticket to Paris," by Captain Wraxall, deserves to be

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The first article in The Dublin University Magazine is a very sensible one on. "French Military Matters," indicating the precise points upon which the relative merits of the French and English soldiers rest. We cannot help, however, differing from the writer when he terms Louis Napoleon "Dieu-donné pour la France," or when he says that he is "the best ruler the French could have." If anything supernatural be concerned in the bestowal of him, it has been from a far different quarter. That the author of this is a true Irishman there can be little doubt. What other manner of man would have committed the admirable bull of declaring that the Zouave was "good at emptying a cellar of wine, particularly after he has rasé a Bedouin village"—cellars of wine being such remarkably common adjuncts to Bedouin habitations. "Italian Notes in July and August 1859," give an admirable sketch of the late battle-fields subsequent to the terrible encounters which have taken place upon them. In the eighth chapter of "The Season Ticket" we find the wisdom and the humour of "Sam Slick." Somewhat of an alarmist tendency too is this writer, when compared with the pro-Napoleonite who wrote the first article. "I think," says he, "there is every reason to apprehend that our country is in imminent danger;" and again he tells us that the Emperor is "a sort of diplomatic Jesuit... not an 'ally,' but 'a lie' to England." Two very contradictory opinions these in one small number!

small number Constitutional Press has apparently abandoned, let us hope for ever, the "Suppers of the Tories," but continues what is far better, the admirable "Misdirected Letters" of Mr. Justice Haliburton. The following character for the town of Liverpool and the Liverpudlians, against whom "the Clockmaker" evidently has a spite, deserves to be quoted:—

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It ain't that I care much for the people of this town either, for I don't affection them. To my mind they are as sharp as Yankees, and not so liberal; as anxious to make money, and fonder of it when they get it. If it warn't for Manchester, Birmingham, and the other manufacturing districts round and about them, they couldn't live, nohow they could fix it. Bad harbour, dangerous bar, heavy port charges, extortionate dock and light dues, and impositions of one kind and another, are enough to drive folks away, if they only had somewhere else to go to. But there it is; it has got the trade, and, like an old stand for business, has the run. It ain't a favourite shop, but it's the only one that's provided with what you want. They don't stand letter A, No. 1, in the mercantile world. They take advantage of us, they are too hard for colonists, and a little too sharp for their own good; they are like an overscrewed pair of soissors—when there is nothing to shear, they cut and jag their own edges. They ain't so rich as the manufacturers, who look upon them as mere carriers, nor so liberal as the Londoners, who have the sense to know it's small profits make large gains. But that's neither here nor there; they serve our turn and we serve theirs, so let them be. There is one little mistake, however, they make, which it is a pity they couldn't rectify, Liverpool ain't all the world.

The Eclectic has a very full and excellent review of Professor Baden Powell's work on "The Order of Nature;" followed by articles on "The Balance of Nature;" "Sun Pictures," by Mary Howitt; Avalanches; Trollope's Tuscany; Garibaldi and the Italian Crisis; the Highland Route; and the Beer Bill.

The Universal Review opens with a very seasonable article on "The Defences of England," urging, as every one else does, preparation against all contingencies. We hope that the writer does not exaggerate when he says that, in case of invasion, England could bring 200,000 trained soldiers into the field. The article on Danish Literature is exceedingly interesting. That on "Manly Sports" takes a comprehensive review of the effect of such occupations upon the character of the people, and gives a faithful account of the sporting press and literature of the day.

The National Magazine is as varied as usual in its contents, both literary and pictorial. We miss Mr. Robert Brough's capital novel, which has come to a close. There is, however, a smart parliamentary sketch

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The Art Journal gives its usual quota of two engravings from the Royal collection—one from Sir Thomas Lawrence's beautiful portrait of the Princess Charlotte, when a mere child; the other of Chambers's picture of "Greenwich Hospital," taken before that magnificent establishment had attained its present dimensions. Instead of the sculpture piece, there is a sweet little engraving called "From the Moors," from a picture by Park. Among the literary contents we note an article on Andrea del Sarto. Mr. Dafforne chooses Sir Thomas Lawrence for the subject of this week's instalment of "British Artists, their Style and Character," and accompanies his admirable article by engravings of four of his most celebrated pictures. There is also a capital article on "Travelling in the Middle Ages," by Thomas Wright, Esq., F.S.A., accompanied by some particularly quaint and curious illustrations, presumably of the Chaucer period; moreover, a chapter, rich in pictorial, richer still in literary beauties, of the "Excursions in South Wales," by Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Hall. The other contents of the Journal are as varied and useful as ever.

We have also received a little brochure On Baptism; or, Who are to be Baptised? and How? By the Rev. Thomas Moore, of Margate. (Judd and Glass.) A kind of anti-Baptist catechism.—Appendix to Fifth Edition of "Truth Vindicated;" or, Fact and Documents in Refutation of the many grievous Calumnies of the Rev. D. T. K. Drummond (Simpkin). Marshall, and Co.); being, as the title-page informs us, "an account of the late action for libel in the Court of Common Pleas against the National Standard newspaper."—The First Part of Everybody's Journal.—Cassell's Illustrated Almanack for 1860. r this for nded; to be

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THE BOOKSELLERS' RECORD

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A VERY GENERAL WISH has been expressed by our bookselling friends that our pages should be rendered of greater service to "the trade," through whose aid and organisation the Critic has continued to thrive for so many years. We did not, however, wish to trespass on ground already occupied by an older contemporary. We did not want to encroach upon the space devoted to reviews, and therefore of right belonging to our unprofessional readers. But the subject is just now even more energetically pressed upon our attention; and the conviction daily grows on our mind that a weekly journal which will inform booksellers on all matters connected with their trade is a necessity. As we have a large bookselling connection to start with, we own that we commence this addition of a new department to our pages with more than usual advantages, more than the ordinary chances of success, and with a firm assurance that we shall now become more useful to our bookselling readers than we have hitherto been. We shall endeavour to render the Critic the medium of communication and information between publisher and bookseller, and to make it a more complete guide than any yet established for readers—who wish to know what books are being prepared, and when they may be had.

The Booksellers' Record and Trade Register will chronicle all obtainable facts respecting books and the book trade, booksellers and publishers, authors, and newspapers. We shall be glad of suggestions for the improvement and expansion

of this new department of the CRITIC.

Our plan divides itself into several sections. We hope to gather useful matter under each of the following divisions: BOOKS PROMISED .- A weekly account of Books arranged for or in the press, or fixed for publication, with full description, price, &c., and when obtainable.

Books, Booksellers, and Bookselling.—Comprising such facts as will help to guide the trade, and reflect the sayings and doings of the week.

HISTORIES OF GREAT PUBLISHING FIRMS (carefully compiled), with, in a few instances, portraits of the founders. Correspondence on topics and matters affecting "the trade" in town and country.

A LIST OF BOOKS WANTED by our subscribers—inserted gratis.

A REGISTER OF WANTS AND VACANCIES in Publishing and Bookselling establishments.

TRADE CHANGES, removals, new partners, dissolutions of partnership, bankruptcies, deaths.

TRADE SALES.

AUCTION SALES of new and second-hand Books, with prices obtained.

FORTHCOMING BOOK AUCTIONS, with an account of the Libraries, &c. to be offered.

Foreign Book News.

Notices to Correspondents will contain courteous answers to questions put by our Bookselling friends everywhere.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

(Taunton).—Write to Messrs. Longman and Co. at once.

SMALL BOOKSELLER (Bath).—There is no reason why you should not be admitted into the daily parcel arrangement, that we know of. Are you distiked among your bookselling daily parcel arrange brethren? DUNTRY BOOKSELLER

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Courner Booksellers.—A list of the names and addresses of booksellers in each parish, town, and elty of the kingdom would be very useful to us just now. Can our friends, each in his own locality, help us by forwarding such lists?

L, a Frinter (Scarboro), asks if we can give him an opinion of Smith's new cutting machine, or name any one who has used it, to whom he may refer. We know nothing of the machine. His inventors state that it is better than Wilson's, and at two-thirds the price.

E, junior.—We know nothing of the Caxton Machine; but we can strongly recommend the Mais Machine. A double-royal can be worked at 700 per hour by hand. Write to Harrild and Sons, Farringdon-street.

BOOKS IN THE PERSS.—The list of "Books in the Press" is very much over-crowded and not well arranged. Such crowding will be avoided in future. Our friends will know that in commencing the BOOKSELLERS' RECORD thus late in "the season," we had a long arrear of announcements to fetch up.

REGISTER OF WANTS AND VACANCIES.

TWO-FEEDER MACHINE WANTED, to print size of Times, and in good condition.—Address, stating age, price, &c., &c., to "Country Printer," Booksellers' Record Office, 19, Wellington-street North, Strand, W.C.

WEEKLY PERIODICAL for SALE, circulating 3000 at 6d.

Price 20001.—Particulars of Messrs, Williams and Co., care of Booksellers' Record,
Wellington-street North, Strand, W.C.

TO PRINTERS.—To be SOLD cheap, a Second-Hand Fount of LONG PRIMER, about 150 lbs., including Roman and Italic. Specimens on application.—Apply to Mr. Dilworth, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire.

onversant with the London trade. Salary 21. per week.—Address "J. C.," Book-BOOKSELLERS and STATIONER. A SSISTANT to a PUBLISHER WANTED.

BOOKSELLERS and STATIONERS .- WANTED imme-1 diately, a small well-established BUSINESS, situate in a good neighbourhood in or ne town. Going-in must not exceed 250%—Address, with full particulars, to "M. R.," Mess A. W. Digby and Co.'s, 90, Chancery-lane, W.C.

DRYDEN DOUBLE-CYLINDER PERFECTING MACHINE WANTED, to print a paper the size of Bell's Weekly Messenger. State price, and all other particulars, to "W. R. J.," 346, Strand, W.C.

WANTED an ASSISTANT, a Young Man who thoroughly understands the Modern Book Trade, and a good Salesman at the Counter.—Address W. B.," Post Office, Cheltenham.

A GENTS WANTED, for a Publication in which Booksellers are Apply to Mr. CROCKFORD, 19, Wellingto

WANTED at Christmas next, by a Young Man who has a thorough knowledge of Printing, a Situation in a Bookselling and Stationery establishment. Salary not so much an object as gaining some knowledge of those branches of the business.—Address "L. J.," Post Office, Exeter.

TO PRINTSELLERS.—WANTED a GENTLEMAN, well qualified, to take entire charge of a first-class West-End Business. Salary, 1004 a year and a per-centage on the receipts.—Direct, post paid, "F.A.S.," Hancock and Humphreys, 37, Wood-street, Cheapside.

THE PRESS.—A Gentleman, thoroughly qualified, seeks an appointment as EDITOR or SUB-EDITOR on a liberal or neutral paper. Has had Metropolitan and Provincial experience.—Address "Sigma," 33, Walness, Pendicton, Manchester,

THE LIBRARY COMPANY, 22, Paternoster-row, London. Established to supply LIBRARIES of STANDARD WORKS for all CLASSES from Il. to 100% and upwards. Selected by Dr. CHARLES MACKAY. Carriage free to all parts of the country. Exchangeable within 12 months at half the price charged, if in good condition. Any books not approved may be exchanged for any other works of the same price published in this country, within one month after the purchase, if uncut and in good condition. A liberal allowance made to the trade, the elergy, and to all institutes, schools, &c. Persons farnishing houses are particularly requested to note that bookcases, adapted to the size of the various libraries, may be had on moderate terms, and may be seen at the depôt of the Library Company.

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"Those who look into the cottages or houses of the working man, and even of the clerk or the tradesman, seldom find any books but an old almanack or magazine, and still seldomer a library, however small. Sometimes a few old volumes are used as a base for the teacaddy or the workbox, but beyond these nothing is to be found worthy of the name of literature. In the villa of the merchant, the drawing-room table and a small ornamental bookcase for the self-control of the se

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Messes. Routledge are preparing for publication Mr. W. H. Russell's "Travels in India." The work will be in two volumes.

Macmillan's Magazine has been in unexpected request. We have no figures to offer, but we have heard of large orders.

The Literary Gazette has changed hands again—positively, we hear, for

THE LITERARY GAZETTE has changed hands again—positively, we hear, for the last time.

M. JULIEN.—A Frenchman has just completed a biography of the great musical conductor. It will shortly be published in Paris. The title will be "My Life in England."

MESSIRS. SMITH, ELDER, and Co. have now fixed a day for the publication of their magazine, which is to be edited by Thackeray. The first number will be ready on December 31.

JUDGE HALLBURFON (Sam Slick) is writing the genial work called "The Season Ticket," in the Dublin University Magazine; as also the series of "Misdirected Letters" in the Constitutional Press.

THE PRESS has another new editor, and a contemporary expresses surprise at the rapid changes on the staff. The cause of the present change is the sale of the property by Mr. Newdegate.

SEBASTOPOL.—Government have published the "Journals of the Royal Engineers while engaged before Sebastopol." The work is in four volumes, and is sold by Longman and Co.

Mr. LOVELL REEV's Stereoscopic Magazine has given rise to the Stereoscopic Cabinet—monthly packets of three good stereoscopic slides, which will be sold for half-a-crown, and which will pass through the post for a penny!

MESSINS. BLACKWOOD underline Mr. Laurence Oliphant's Narrative of Lord Elgin's Mission to Japan and China. Mr. Oliphant was Lord Elgin's secretary, and is an agreeable writer. If he will avoid the tone of exaggeration which he adopted in his account of the Crimea (published before the war), he cannot fail to make a most interesting book on this virtually new world in the East.

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THE TRADES PRIVATE CIRCULAR (No. 1) has been issued: it supplies info

mation of bankruptcies, insolvent cases, assignments, compositions, preferential securities, and is intended for circulation amongst booksellers, stationers, and printers only.

Messus, Piper, Stephenson, and Spence have issued "The Annual Rose" for 1859 and '60; as also a work that no sportsman should be without—"The Wild-Fowler," by H. C. Folkard. Mr. Folkard has written some good books of field sport.

Messes. William Blackwood and Son's library edition of the novels of Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton are, as might be expected of the Blackwoods, good. The size is that convenient for the pocket; the paper, binding and illustrations, of the best kind.

MR. MURRAY'S LIST has been sadly neglected by all the trade publica-tions. Until the Spectator pointed out the importance of the M'Clintock narrative, not one of the journals had discovered that it would certainly be

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THE LIBRARY COMPANY.—The advertisement of this company will be found above. Why will not Dr. Charles Mackay and Co. call themselves booksellers instead of "a Company," and come honestly and fairly into the ranks? We don't like trading through a directorate.

MESSRS. MOXON AND CO.—Now that it is decided that the business of the late Edward Moxon shall be carried on, several works that have been out of print for some time past will be forthwith reprinted. Two have already been issued, "Hood's Own," and Dana's "Seaman's Manual." the eighth edition.

THE PRESENT SEASON and the PRESENT YEAR are most hopefully and cheeringly spoken of by the Publishers' Circular, which is the only trustworthy authority in matters relating to publishers and the publishing trade. It says: "We have not yet attempted a computation of the issues of 1859, but we think by the end of the year it must show a considerable increase of publications over preceding years."

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A Weekly Clerical Organ devoted only to the interests and advocacy of the Clergy and the Church has become so great a necessity, that the conductors of the Clergy and the Church is now published twice a month) announce their intention of making it weekly. It is remarked that there is now no exclusively Clerical Organ—the Guardian, Record, &c., being rather newspapers for the Church Laity than organs of the Clergy.

Mr. Bentley's announcement of another book on Natural History by Mr. Francis T. Buckland is, we have good reason to believe, rather premature. The blunder will probably be explained before our next number. We venture to ask Mr. Bentley if it is not time that he should urge on Mr. Shirley Brooks to finish the "Gordian Knot" without further delay. Four separate dates have already been published as that on which the book would be "ready."

THE PUBLISHERS' CIRCULAR will issue its illustrated number on the 15th instant. It will, we hear, be more than usually comprehensive, and more widely circulated than the numbers of former years. It will, as hitherto, be beautifully printed by Clay, whose mode of doing woodcuts is well known to the trade. Booksellers cannot do better, in making their investments in Christmas and New Year books, than examine closely the engravings and descriptions to be given in next Publishers' Circular.

Mr. MURRAY announces a promising work—The History of the Two Years' War in the Crimea, chiefly from materials bequeathed by Lord Raglan. The author is Mr. A. W. Kinglake. With a becoming modesty, the publisher refrains from adding to his advertisement that Mr. Kinglake is the author of one of the most delightful and most successful books of travels that has come even from Albemarle-street—we mean "Eöthen." The work will necessarily be lengthy, and vols. I and 2 only must suffue for the present year.

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of a sub-editor's post, and came away while all and see that several of our leading bookselling and publishing firms are represented in the town by permanent residences—as Mr. Brown, of Longman and Co.'s, Mr. Smith, jun., of Smith and Son's, &c., &c.

CHAPMAN AND HALL promise a volume of Essays, by Mr. W. H. Wills, who has hitherto been much better known as sub-editor of Household Words, and brother-in-law of the Edinburgh Chambers, than as an author. Household Words has been prolific in crops for the press lately—this being the fourth or fifth of the season. We are beginning to learn who was who in that charming periodical; and we now learn that Mr. Wills has been something more than a most judicious and tasteful sub-editor is news indeed.

MESSIS. BRADEURY AND EVANS cannot boast of gorgeous Christmas books, but they have jut; published two works that will be prized by the botanist and by those who take an interest in scientific printing—and who among us does not? We mean volume the first of "Moore and Bradbury's Octavo Nature-Printed British Ferns." Some of the parts of the large edition have long been out of print. A greater work than this, however, is "The Nature-Printed British Sea Weeds." The descriptions are by William G. Johnstone and Alexander Croall. This work, of which only the first volume is yet published, is, perhaps, the best specimen of Mr. Bradbury's nature-printing. We may here also record the appearance of some other works for naturalists that have lately been published. Messrs. Groombridge and Son have published the seventh volume of Professor Lowe's "Ferns, British and Exotic."

THE SHILLING MONTHLIES threaten to drive the old half-crown magazines out of the market. The already dead we will not callogue here; but of the apparently dying, what shall we say? Who can look upon the present ghost of Blackwood and not mourn? Maga's 130 pages of politics, or of travels that are heavier than its politics, smack of nightmare; and when we look for better promise of commercial success in its advertise

will be opened for sums under 5l., and then only upon satisfactory references. But cash paid in advance (i. e. with order) will secure all the privileges of an open account, and, if necessary, the return of money for unsold copies, in due course THE SEASON'S SUCCESSES.—The following books are those which, after "Adam Bede," may be said to have had the greatest success during the past season:—"Our Farm of Four Acres," by Miss Coulton, sister of the late Mr Coulton, the editor of the Press newspaper. Miss Coulton has a little farm at Walthamstow, so that her work is written from experience. The price of "Our Farm" is only two shillings; whereas "Peaks, Passes, and Glaciers," the next most successful work, is a guinea book. We believe we are correct in stating that the "Peaks" is Mr. William Longman's own property. As a member of the Alpine Club, he wished the work to be published, and some of the firm not liking to run the risk, he brought it out on his own responsibility. Tytler's Life, by Burgon, called "The Portrait of a Christian Gentleman," has, perhaps, been the next greatest success. Ellis's "Madagascar" had also a run, as also Mr. Mill's work on "Liberty." Among fictions, next to Bulwer's "What will He Do with It?" Miss Muloch's "Life for a Life" has had, and is still having, the greatest call at the libraries. Mr. Pycroft's "Twenty Years in the Church" is only making its way slowly. To these we may add "The Bertrams," by Anthony Trollope; "Eric, or Little by Little," by Mr. Farrar; "Geoffrey Hamlyn," by Mr. Henry Kingsley, younger brother to the Kingsley; and also in a moderate degree, "The Last of the Cavaliers," by an anonymous writer—a lady. "Vicissitudes of Families," by Sir Bernard Burke, is already in its third edition.

An Appead to Booksellers.—The following appeal has been forwarded to us. It has our hearty approval:

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TRADE CHANGES.

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Mr. W. Allan announces his intention of removing from Aldine Chambers to Stationers' Hall Court.

Marshall and Sons, of the Paddington Station, and of 48, Leadenhall-place, have removed the city branch of their business to large premises in Ludgatehill. We wish they could also extend their railway operations from Bristol to farther west, for the book and news department of the Bristol and Exeter line is, we believe, the worst managed in the kingdom.

Milner and Sowerby (Halifax) have gone into new premises. Theirs is one of the instances of the modern growth of provincial printing establishments. The restrictive and dictatorial tone adopted by the Compositors' Union has had the effect of driving much printing out of London (where skilled labour is treated and paid as unskilled labour, and where the average price of compositor's labour is therefore higher than it ought to be) to the provinces. We do not regret this result; but how are the compositors benefited? Messrs. Milner and Sowerby's establishment contains nearly 150 hands, and we congratulate them on their progress.

THE GAZETTES.—Scotch Sequestrations.—Duncan Mines, Robert

THE GAZETTES.—SCOTCH SEQUESTRATIONS.—Duncan M'Nee, Robert Nee, and John Muir, Bellfield, printers, Nov. 4, at one o'clock, at the Faculty Hall, Glasgow.

TRADE SALES.

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PUBLISHERS are preparing their trade sales, which we shall report for the benefit of country booksellers as early as we can get the information.

MESSES, ROUTLEDGE, WARNE, AND ROUTLEDGE'S sale has already taken place, which we believe is the only one. The sale was held on the 20th of last month, Mr. Southgate being the auctioneer. It was highly successful, there being a great variety of books, and more purchasers than at any previous sale by the same firm. This augurs well for the forthcoming season.

MESSES, SMITH, ELDER, AND Co.'s sale will take place on the 8th of this month. Mr. Southgate is to be the auctioneer.

MESSES, KENT AND GRIFFIN'S sale is fixed for the 14th. This sale will be peculiarly interesing to country booksellers. Before our next publication, the dates of several other sales will be fixed; we will then speak of them.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE BOOKSELLERS' RECORD.

Sir,—The "Library Company" seems to me to be a most mischievous arrangement (who are the company?)—for more than one reason. To offer to sell books by the acre and bookshelves by the furlong is ridiculous; but to offer to undersell honest booksellers who have no "company" and no limited liability to fall back upon, is an insult to the trade. May I ask, Sir, if you can enlighten us as to this company—inform us who are the directors, who the officers, and who the shareholders? A list of the titles of the books which are "selected" for unwary purchasers would also enlighten one. Whose dead stock is thus going off under cover of "a company"? Dr. Mackay is more than respectable as an author, but hitherto he has been quite unknown as a bookseller; and I think the trade has a right to know who they have to deal with in 2nd Nov. 1859. PATERNOSTER ROW.

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TRICKS UPON AUTHORS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BOOKSELLERS' RECORD.

SIR,—A sprightly little weekly is treating its readers to what I may term a new series of curiosities of literature—by describing what he terms the tricks upon authors played by modern publishers. May I ask if the statements are authentic, or the mere invention of Everybody's Journal? If authentic, should the writer not give names, and not by inference involve the reputation of fair-dealing men—who, if they take their pound of flesh, honestly pay the forfeit?—I am, Sir, yours, &c.,

Manchester, 1st Nov. 1859.

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COMING SALES BY AUCTION.

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BOOK SALES are, as yet, hardly thought of. Only three have taken place, and these are almost too unimportant to report upon. It will be seen by our digest below that some interesting auctions are announced—the most important being one in Messrs. Leigh Sotheby and Wilkinson's list, of another portion of the library of M. G. Libri, to an account of whose collection we last season devoted a good deal of our space. Only one auction is advertised for the provinces, and that quite unimportant, except locally; but as a beginning we note it below.

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BIGGS—"FAMILY HERALD."—On Nov. 17, at 3, Wellington-street, Strand, the library of the late George Biggs, Esq., proprietor, editor, and founder of the Family Herald.

HARE.—On 17th inst. at 3, Wellington-street, Strand, books from the library of F. G. Hare, Esq., of Gressford, Merionethshire.

RIDDLE.—At 3, Wellington-street, Strand (day not fixed), the library of the late Rev. J. Edmund Riddle, M.A., of St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, and late minister of St. Philip's church, Leckhampton, near Cheltenham, and author of numerous works in theology.

MITFORD.—At 3, Wellington-street, Strand (day not fixed), the CLASSICAL LIBRARY of the late Rev. John Mitford, comprising interesting copies of rare and early editions of the Greek and Latin Classics, enriched with valuable manuscript notes and emendations by Bentley, Porson, Taylor, Markland, Elmsley, Causaubon, Scaliger, Burman, Toup, and other crudite scholars of critical celebrity.

Also at same place (day not fixed), the GENERAL LIBRARY of the late Rev. John Mitford, comprising works of the Early English Poets and Dramatists, and some manuscripts, and a Missal of French Art.

LIBRI.—At 3, Wellington-street, Strand (during the season), another portion of the magnificent library of M. Guglielmo Libri, who is obliged to leave London on account of ill health. This portion will embrace a most extensive collection of important and scarce writings, in every department of science and literature, comprising numerous long sets of historical works, of uncommon occurrence; a large number of authors on Church and literary history; scarce books in various dialects; a large collection of early rare mathematical treatises, of the greatest interest for the history department of science and literature, comprising numerous long sets of historical works, of uncommon occurrence; a large number of authors on Church and literary history; scarce b

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Singer.—At 3, Wellington-street, Strand (Jay not fixed), the library of the late S. W. Singer, Esq.

Staunton.—At 3, Wellington-street, Strand (day not fixed), the library of the late Sir George Staunton.

Roach.—At 3, Wellington-street, Strand (in the Spring), the library of the late James Roach, Esq.

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THE SIRE DE JOINVILLE ON ST. LOUIS.

Mémoires de Jean Sire de Joinville; ou, Histoire et Chronique du très chrétien Roi Saint Louis. Paris : Didot.

THE BEST FORM OF HISTORY is, if not the chronicle, something akin thereto. The philosophical mode of writing history, with its elaborate dissertations, its copious notes and its illustrative and corroborative documents, contrives admirably to make the past more dim and dead than it was before. Perhaps also all history should be biography. An individual is a reality; but, except the notable individual or individuals, everything vanishes into abstraction when we endeavour historically to treat it. He cannot have the true historical genius who, in evoking a mighty man from the shadows of the slumbering centuries, evokes not also that whole world in which he moved. On the other hand, how little will true historical genius avail to save a mighty man from being effaced amid the details, the pedantries, the speculations, the moralisings, which are supposed in these days to be the indispensable furniture of historical composition. A history of the French in thirty volumes or more by a Sismondi, and a universal history by a Cesare Cantu in a still larger number of volumes, are both alike absurd. How much there must here be of arbitrary arrangement, how much despotic heaping together of matters most remote from each other, most heterogeneous! The life of a man has a beginning, a middle, and an end; it is rounded and complete. But see we see the seame of a record of a country of hymerity? plete. But can we say the same of a people, of a country, of humanity? Our ordinary historians substitute for the vast variety of nature an artificial uniformity, and they never permit themselves an allusion to those great elementary forces which, rude as they look, yet give to earth its divinest development. Because they look rude they must not be mentioned! This is not the reason why Lord Macaulay is silent regarding them. He has never seen or suspected them, and

therefore is he silent. To Jean Sire de Joinville they were familiar enough, and of them he was not ashamed. We have here for the first time a good edition of the grand old hero's book, though not so good that it might not in many respects be improved. Who was the Sire de Joinville, and what was his book? He belonged to an ancient and illustrious family of Champagne, and was the companion, the friend, and finally the historian of Saint Louis, a monarch who would have attained greetness if he head not been so childishly superstitious and in whom greatness if he had not been so childishly superstitious, and in whom a strong sense of justice and an overflowing charity had an incessant foe in a bigotry which could often be cruel. Pure, pious, lofty, generous, chivalrous, Louis IX. would have deserved the name of saint even if no Pope Boniface had canonised him. The two disastrous crusades into which he entered, and in the second of which he perished, were not perhaps so much political blunders as they seem. It added to the lustre and the strength of France that it was willing to make such enormous sacrifices for a colossal romance which was losing its charm for other Christian lands. The world goes mad now as it went mad six hundred years ago; but now it is for Mammon, and then it was for a sublime idea. Civilisation must be tested by the then it was for a sublime idea. Civilisation must be tested by the things which men are willing to live and to die for, and not by the miraculous increase of material comfort, though those who have always the cant of progress in their mouth set up a very different standard. Formerly a mania went forth through the community from temples; now it goes forth from the Stock Exchange. Yet we trample on the graves of our ancestors and insult these as barbarians, because the Cross attracted them, while the gambling chance of a high dividend attracts us. The spirit, however, which originally kindled the crossdes and spirits the crossdes and spirits the crossdes and spirits the crossdes had which originally kindled the crusades and animated the crusaders, had greatly degenerated before Saint Louis came on the scene. There had been a mingling of the mundane from the beginning, even if the wild licence of the camps had not produced its natural fruits. In the decay of the Papal power, in the rapidly-extending corrruption of the Papal Church, in the incipient victories of that commercial class which is destined to achieve so many victories, and to which the nations of Europe are indebted for so much good and so much evil, in the fatal atmosphere and fatal fascinations of the East, in the inevitable exhaustion of every exalted enthusiasm, we have enough explained without losing ourselves in ingenious conjectures. It was the supreme endeavour of Saint Louis, after receiving the staff, the escarcelle, and the scarf of the pilgrim, and after the oriflamme had been consecrated afresh, to restore the ancient sanctities to the warfare for Christ. A noble aim, a beautiful delusion! They who accompanied Saint Louis in both his expeditions went in the main as soldiers, and not as crusaders. So much the more he himself was a saint, so much the fewer were the saints around him. The light seemed the liker a light from heaven that no star shone near in the thick foul vaccourse of homes recipied. the thick foul vapours of human passion. When night came down on that mysterious land where the hosts of France were encamped, pollution in its most loathsome shapes crept up to the very folds of the royal tent, and the royal heart knew it, lamented it, and sought consolation in prayer. Louis IX. and the Maid of Orleans are consolation in prayer. Louis IX. and the Maid of Orleans are France's two most holy names; but they were equally destined to have a glory the more untarnished and undying from unholy environ-

ments. Louis, however, was spared pangs which terribly smote that poor shepherdess who had been commanded, and fired, and panoplied by the Virgin to redeem France. He had been saluted as a saint ad trodden the Oriental soil on his martyr mission. His first canonisation had been in the gratitude and admiration of Christendom. He had the noblest of mothers, Blanche of Castile, the daughter of an English princess: the noblest of wives, Margaret of Provence. If turbulent vassals troubled the peace of his reign, at once the loyalty and the good sense of France made the contest with them casy. An angel of mercy to the poor, the champion of the people's rights, he was thanked by the poor and by the people in abundant measure. Greater as a legislator than as a politician, and far greater as a politician than as a general, he might find some of numerous ameliorations introduced premature, but none of them unappreciated. Even his misfortunes in the East sprang not from the excess of his pious zeal, but from his military blundering; which perhaps itself arose less from in-capacity than from the expectation of supernatural assistance in what was supposed to be the work of God. This wise and humane reformer of laws was both before his age and behind it, and his faults and his virtues burst from the same root. If we condemn the scrupulosity as contemptible which prevented him on his first journey to the East from landing at Sicily, because he who was then master of the island, the Emperor Frederick, had been excommunicated by the Pope, how much we applaud that same scrupulosity when restoring to the King of England the sovereignty of some important French provinces, and when paying his ransom in full—the Saracens having made a huge misreckoning to their own disadvantage. It is difficult to believe that he who dispensed justice under the oak of Vincennes like a potentate of the old Oriental time was the same man who flamed into uncontrollable ferocity against Jews and Heretics, who threw a hundred and fifty merchants into prison for having lent money, though at a most moderate interest, and who was not unwilling that his kingdom should be augmented by persecution, though he shuddered to add one inch to it by iniquity. The character of Saint Louis demands no subtle analysis. Its contradictions are the proofs of his sincerity and unselfishness. He paved the way for the transmutation of France into an absolute monarchy; but it was not from the desire of aggrandising his own authority, but from his hatred of wrong. Sometimes he was obliged to be the oppressor, that there might not be a hundred other worse oppressors in France. He shielded the citizen, not that the citizen might undermine while he himself boldly struck tyrannical feudalism, but because the citizen cultivated the arts of peace. For these arts of peace was he himself made, and not for bloody conflict with the followers of Mahomet. The man whom he most resembled in the thirteenth century was Saint Francis. In both there was that opulent pity which is alike blindness and most marvellous vision, which is boundless balm for broken hearts, and which yet can turn itself into poison and break hearts more terribly than hate. A throne is not the place for a saint: and we half feel that Saint Louis should have been like Saint Francis, the founder of a Mendicant Order.

The work of the Sire de Joinville is less a complete life of Saint Louis than a narrative of what the author himself saw or had the means of becoming acquainted with relating to the King's first crusade. Saint Louis was born on the 25th April, 1215, at Poissy, and died on the 25th August, 1270, at Tunis. He left Paris for his first crusade in June, 1248, and it was not till September 1254 that he once more entered his capital. The six best years of his manhood were thus expended in chimerical projects. The death of his mother, who had expended in chimerical projects. The death of his mother, who had governed ably and energetically in his absence, hastened his return home. That after six years of calamity in the East, and then sixteen years of government most fruitful for France, he should at the sober age of fifty-five have entered again a career which had proved so fatal, shows merely that we must let an enthusiast have his own way without presuming to judge him. Unfortunately, in this as in the former case, many thousands of brave men had to share whatever was hardest in the enthusiast's lot. And what is sadder for hrave men than when the enthusiast's lot. And what is sadder for brave men than when pestilence and famine murder more than the sword? By what tragic heralds was the coming of Philip III., the son and successor of Saint Louis, announced to his subjects—by the coffins of his father, of his wife, of his son, of his brother, of his brother-in-law! The Sire de Joinville refused to accompany Saint Louis to Africa—not, we may be sure, from any want of loyalty or attachment, nor, though he pretended affairs, from any consideration of his own welfare, but because he foresaw an inglorious doom for the King and his host, wherein sacrifice would have been useless and he would only have been one victim more. Joinville is a little town on the Marne, between Chaumont and Saint Dizier. Our author was born at the Castle of Joinville in 1224, and died in 1319. He thus saw the reigns of six kings: Louis VIII., Louis IX., Philip III., Philip IV., Louis X., and Philip V. He spent the best years of his youth in the East, as we have seen that Saint Louis spent the best years of his manhood there. No doubt he revered the Saint the more that he could look up to him as to an elder brother. Joinville was descended in a direct line from Godfrey of Bouillon; his mother was cousin-german of the Emperor Frederick,

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the second emperor of Germany; many of his ancestors had distinguished themselves in the crusades; his uncle Geoffrey had gained so deeply the esteem of Richard L, that the latter allowed him to quarter the Joinville arms with those of England. By birth then, and by inherited renown, the Sire Jean was worthy to be the companion of kings. His great qualities overshadowed even his birth; and, as the historian of Saint Louis, he enhanced the fame of military achievements by the fame of literary genius. Soon after the death of Saint kings. His great qualities overshadowed even his birth; and, as the historian of Saint Louis, he enhanced the fame of military achievements by the fame of literary genius. Soon after the death of Saint Louis, the wildest, most fantastic monkish legends gathered round his career; to such an extent, indeed, that it might almost have been thought that he was a mere creature of the imagination altogether. Though Joinville had the credulity of his age, yet he was too shrewd and too honest to embellish his narrative with marvels such as the monk's brain delighted in inventing. He presents us with the unvarnished prose of the Saint's existence, whereby the Saint's reputation suffers not—on the contrary, gains greatly. There are few grand historical figures that impress us more with the idea of simplicity than Saint Louis. This simplicity the Seneschal of Champagne, from his own extreme simplicity, has admirably seized. As we believe that in Bohn's "Antiquarian Series," there is a translation of the whole or of part of the Sire de Joinville's book, English readers are enabled to judge of what we have just represented as its most characteristic feature. While going through the Sire de Joinville's work we happened to take up Bulwer's "Last of the Barons," and were hugely entertained with the contrast between the brief, plain speech which the Seneschal of Champagne puts into the mouth of kings and nobles, and the inflated loquacities in which Bulwer makes them deal. As the painter of fashionable society in his own times Bulwer is perhaps unsurpassed. of fashionable society in his own times Bulwer is perhaps unsurpassed. But he has a singular mode of reviving the past. The personages dance in a blaze of melodramatic magniloquences. In nearly all English historical novels we encounter the same monstrous absurdity. The mediæval men, whose speech was so curt and unshapely, are invariably converted into finished rhetoricians. When the mace, the

battle-axe, and the bow were such mighty orators, blows fell so fast that the eloquence of the lips was not much needed. Indeed, a main value of such productions as this by the Sire de Joinville is in carrying us back into the very heart of days when bold actions, and not fine phrases, ruled mankind. As the unpretending record of a beautiful career, as an immense repertory of information respecting the middle ages, the book has its abiding importance; but it has also exceeding interest for these who expect that the growth of the French land. ages, the book has its abiding importance; but it has also exceeding interest for those who care to study the growth of the French language and literature, especially with the aids that are furnished in the present edition. One of the most attractive of these is an essay on the genealogy of the Joinvilles. If Jean Sire de Joinville, Seneschal of Champagne, had illustrious ancestors, he had still more illustrious descendants—the powerful Dukes de Guise, who were the heirs of the vast Joinville possessions, and who were ultimately called Princes de Joinville. Marie de Lorraine, known as Mlle. de Guise, who succeeded her grand-nephew in the Duchies of Guise, of Joyeuse, of Angoulème, and in the principality of Joinville, died, the last of her succeeded her grand-nephew in the Duchies of Guike, of Joyeuse, of Angoulème, and in the principality of Joinville, died, the last of her race, in 1688; and in accordance with her will the principality passed into the Orleans family. Hence it is that we have at uong the sons of Louis Philippe a Prince de Joinville. Among other engravings in this volume are two views of the Castle of Joinville, a stupendous edifice built early in the eleventh century. In 1791, when the fury of destruction was at its height in France, Louis Philippe's father committed the horrible barbarity of selling the castle that it might be demolished. He was guilty of worse deeds; but we cannot pardon this. The noble building which the Sire de Joinville loved so well, and where the Guises had left the trace and the odour of their heroic presence, was sold for six thousand france as rubbish. Less presence, was sold for six thousand francs as rubbish. Less perishable, however, than wood or stone, than proud pinnacle or brave battlement, is a work of genius. This no Philippe Egalité can in his madness crush. May many be inspired to seek converse with Saint Louis and his pious and faithful historian!

ART, DRAMA, MUSIC, SCIENCE,

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A MEETING of the Stephenson Memorial Committee, held at Newcastle, on Saturday, decided that the proposed monument for the elder Stephenson be left to the decision of a public meeting of the inhabitants of the district, to be held in the course of a fortnight.

The sketching evenings of the Langham Chambers School, a friendly gathering of artists for mutual study, were resumed on Friday, the 14th ult, and will be continued to the end of April.

The Art Journal fitly designates the prolonged abiding of Marochetti's "Victory" in the gardens of Appley House as "a persistent chastisement of public taste," Recapitulating the extraordinary circumstances which attended the so-called competition, our contemporary sees reason to apprehend that Mr. Stevens's model, which was selected in defiance alike of taste, common sense, and the express stipulations of the competition, will be set aside in favour of the Baron's. This will be to supersede a bad job by a worse, and we have no doubt that the lesson thus inculcated will not be thrown away upon British artists.

There is a talk among artists of forming themselves into a volunteer body for the defence of the country. Number 2 company of the Marylebone Rifle Corps is to consist (so it is said) entirely of painters, sculptors, architects, and engravers, and the brush, the modelling tool, the scale, and the burin are to be laid aside for the Enfield weapon and the sword-bayonet. Why not? Invasion or no invasion, the volunteer movement is a healthy and a manly one; and a body of artists really on the field of battle would have a tendency towards correcting; those fearful absurdities and exaggerations perpetrated under the name of "battle pieces."

The Manchester Art Union have reorganised their rules and constitution, which have been legally sanctioned by the Privy Council, and have determined to try the experiment of a shilling subscription, giving the holder of every share an equal chance in the drawing for prizes. This plan has been very successful in

ment on the ordinary system was that, instead of having three unsightly counterbalancing weights to the slide, there was a very beautiful central weight, which answered the purpose quite as effectually, more securely, and much more ornamentally. There were also several specimens of the locks of Messrs Hobbs, Ashley, and Co., which were much admired.

Mr. S. C. Hall, ever active in promoting something of the kind, is strenuously exerting himself to bring about the foundation of an institution for providing for the orphan children of artists. Mr. Hall urges, that while nearly all the professions and occupations have instituted asylums in which the orphans of their members may be sustained, instructed, and prepared for the battle of life, the profession that most especially requires such aid has no institution of the kind. Artists (he contends) are very rarely in a position to make provision for the future of their children when death deprives them of a guide and protector; and so many sad cases of the kind have come under his notice, that he is desirous of adding another to the many benevolent institutions of the metropolis. Mr. Hall's endeavours in this direction have hitherto been confined to a kind of tentative application to those likely to co-operate in such an undertaking; intending, should the experiment prove encouraging, to take a wider field of operation, and, by appealing to the general community, carry out to a successful conclusion that which the zeal of artists themselves must begin. We need hardly say that we hope that his benevolent and most admirable idea may be carried out.

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According to the same authority, Mr. Joseph Durham, the sculptor, whose name is already honoured by the profession and the public, has been commissioned to execute a statue of "the first English printer," Caxton, to be placed in the great room of the Westminster Palace Hotel. The hotel is built on the site of Caxton's printing office, and it occurred to the directors of the company that the interesting fact should obtain a permament record. While the foundations of the hotel were digging, there were hopes of finding some relic of the old building: the ancient walls were clearly traced, and a mutilated statue of the Virgin and Child—probably one of the ornaments of "the chapel"—was found; but the search, although carefully and minutely instituted, was vain to procure a morsel of the type which the first printer had used. Mr Durham's statue, life-size, will be in plaster. The directors, not feeling justified thus to expend the money of the shareholders, have subscribed privately to meet the necessary expense. It will be a work of very high merit. Caxton is represented seated on a fine oak chair of the period, examining a proof-sheet, one foot resting on an iron chest.

MUSIC AND MUSICIANS.

GETTING ASIDE A PERFORMANCE at the Crystal Palace on Saturday, the 29th ult., of a few glees, &c., magnified into a "Bishop Festival," and the appearance of Mr. and Mrs. Sims Reeves at the East-end in foreign operas Anglicised, we have but a dry and short story to tell of the last week with reference to matters musical. The London Glee and Madrigal Union were engaged to do Sir H. Bishop's music, which consisted chiefly of well-known glees and four-part compositions. The attendance was by no means a flattering one. On Monday the eminent tenor and his wife commenced an engagement with the managers of the Standard. The house was crowded to the ceiling soon after the doors were thrown open. "Lucia di Lammermoor" was selected. It is needless to state that Reevee's Edgardo exhibited all the qualities of a great actor and singer combined. It was feared by many that, from recent indisposition, the character of Edgardo might in a double sense suffer. Reeves, however, proved be in admirable voice and the happiest possible vein. He sang and acted with all that glowing passion, thrilling pathos, and soul-stirring energy which, directed by sound judgment, stamped his Master of Ravenswood long ago as one of the greatest performances of which the lyric stage can boast. As far as acting is concerned, Mrs. Sims Reeves gave a very intellectual version of the character of Lucia; but, alas! for the voice that was. At Covent-garden, "the wild woman of the wood," viz., "Dinorah," has been represented uninterruptedly. She will be relieved next week by "Trovatore" and "Satanella." We are given to understand that a new opera, from the pen of Mr. Alfred Mellon, is actually in rebearsal, and will be produced with as little delay as possible. A concert by the Society for Improving the Social Condition of the Blind was given at Milton House, Camberwell, on the 28th. Nearly all the performers were blind. The most striking and noteworthy feature of the programme was Besthoven's Son ata in F, played with extraordinary care and precision by Mi SETTING ASIDE A PERFORMANCE at the Crystal Palace on Saturday,

NEW MUSIC.

I Love the Summer Blossoms. Words and Music by J. W. CHERRY. (D'Almaine and Co., New Bond-street).—A commendable sentiment pervades the song, and the notes wedded to it produce a melody that is tuneful and easy in its flow. Mr. Cherry has long been known as a successful caterer for the public. In his joint capacity we have a more exalted notion of him as a musician than

a versifier.

Flowers, sweet Flowers. Written by Andrew Park. Composed by W. H.

Montgomert. (D'Almaine and Co.)—The materials from which a very large
quantity of songs are made up are, like phrases in language, common property,
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Willie, we have missed you. The favourite song brilliantly arranged for the planoforte by BRINLEY RICHARDS. (D'Almaine and Co.)—Composers of rank, if experienced teachers, confer a great benefit by devoting their talents occasionally to adaptations of popular melodies for the beguilement of young practitioners, especially when they subserve to form the hand, strengthen the finger, and cultivate the taste. This song could not have been entrusted to a fitter musician than Mr. Brinley Richards, and although it is "brilliantly" arranged, it does not bristle with difficulties; while the melody floats evenly and gracefully along, be the movement rapid or slow.

Dein ist mein Herz. For the pianoforte, by J. T. SYONE. (D'Almaine and Co.)—Schubert's music is now getting into great request. Mr. Stone has produced a pleasing and instructive exercise.

The Lord is King. Anthem for Two Voices and Chorus, with an Accompaniment for Organs and Pianoforte. Composed by Joun Lorge Ellerton's eagle (Lonsdale, Old Bond-atreet.)—"In quires and places where they sing" Mr. Ellerton's anthem has attained unto a name. It opens with a movement, andante cos moto, for tenor and bass. A choral strain of eight solidly-written bars succeeds, and prepares the way for a figure that evinces the hand of a musician. The accompaniments are well designed and admirably carried out. A Manual of Psalm Tunes, Harmoniced in Three Parts. Edited by the Rev. John James Scarolll, B.A. (J. A. Novello, Dean-street.)—After briefly reviewing the progress of vocal music in this country during the last thirty years, Mr Scargill asks, "Who would point to the singing in his parish church as an evidence of national improvement? We certainly have not the daring. Our conviction is that scarcely any movement in which a whol

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC GOSSIP.

ON MONDAY NEXT Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kean appear at the Brighton Theatre in "The Wife's Secret." They will play there for seven nights, Mr. Kean selecting his most popular characters.

A melodrama, by Mr. Watts Phillips, will also shortly be produced at the Adelphi.

Adelphi.

A farce called "Dinorab," founded on the notion of an operatic manager being compelled to sustain the part of the heroine of that opera himself, has been read and approved of at the Adelphi. It is by Mr. William Brough. Mr. Willert Beale's annual musical tour commences early in January. Mr. Balfe is the conductor. Among the instrumentalists will be found Signor Sivori

or Bottesini.

Mr. E. T. Smith opens Drury Lane Theatre on Tuesday evening next for a "flying season" with Mme. Titiens, Sig. Giuglini, and other excellent artists. On Tuesday, "Il Trovatore" will be performed; on Wednesday, "Lucretia Borgia;" and on Thursday, "Martha."

piece of practical fun, bearing the eccentric title of "A Row in the dings," was produced on Thursday, the 27th ult. at the Adelphi, being an tation of a Palais-Royal piece of extravagance called "Les Méli-Mélo Rue Meslay." The principal character is sustained by Mr. David la Rue Meslay.

Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. Sims Reeves are engaged to sing at the Standard Theatre, and have made their appearance in the opera of "Lucia di Lammermoor." The principal parts were sustained by Mr. and Mrs. Reeves; Mr. Charles Durand took that of Colonel Ashton, Mr. Edmund Kirby was Raimondo, Mr. Charles Manvers Arturo, and Miss Coleman Alice.

A musical festival is projected at Glasgow having for one of its objects assistance to the funds of the Infirmary and School for the Blind. The idea originated with the Glasgow Choral Union. Already a long list of patrons has been secured. Several months will probably elapse before the plan is consummated.

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Mr. Leicester Buckingham has produced at the St. James's Theatre a drama entitled "Cupid's Ladder, which he frankly and honestly admits to be an adaptation from the French. In acting thus, Mr. Buckingham has set a worthy example to his brother dramatists, which we hope to see followed. The principal parts are sustained by Miss Lydia Thompson, Miss Moore, Mrs. J. Francis, Miss E. Kinglake, Miss Evans, and Mrs. Manders.

A meeting of the proprietors and of the general and sub-committees of Drury Lane Theatre was held in the building on Thursday afternoon, the 27th ult., when the company's seal was affixed to a new lease which has been granted to Mr. E. T. Smith for a period of seven years and eight months from the present time, at a rent of 4500l, per annum. Among the proprietors present were Lord William Lennox, Sir William De Bathe, Messrs. Rawlinson, Arabin, Captain Spencer, &c. The meeting congratulated the lessee on his past successes, and on having been enabled during the last seven years to pay upwards of 30,000l, rent, besides expending many thousand pounds in decorations and property in the theatre.

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The programme of the Schiller Festival, as it is intended to be celebrated at the Crystal Palace on Thursday next, has been placed in our hands, and we think that the directors may, on this occasion, be fairly congratulated upon the taste and discretion which they have exhibited in their mode of doing honour to the man who (in spite of the opinion of the Daily Telegraph, which, in its penny-wisdom, has pronounced Schiller to be but a second-rate poet) we must consider as Germany's greatest poet, and as one of the foremost minds of the world. An English version of the 'Song of the Bell' will be executed by one thousand performers, the music by Romberg, and the solo-singers including Mile. Bauer. A cantata, by Freiligrath, will also be executed by Herr Wieniawski. Among the other proceedings of the day may be enumerated an oratorio by Dr. Kinkel, and a performance of the famous "Fackelzug" on the terraces. When evening closes in a torchlight procession, including 600 torches, will take place, during which the waters of the great fountains will play, and the effect of the light playing upon the water is expected to be very fine. The interest excited by this Festival among the Germans in London is tremendous, and it is expected that the attendance will be very great. It is stated that, for the accommodation of his Teutonic customers, Mr. Strange is laying in a large stock of German sausages, and vast quantities of sour-krout have already been imported from Deutschland for the occasion.

On Friday afternoon, the 28th ult., Mme. Lind Goldschmidt and her husband, M. Otto Goldschmidt, paid a visit to Mercers' Charitable Hospital, Dublio, for the benefit of which institution she had so generously give working according to its several ability. We feel that you need no ingoer present reward than the consciousness of having promoted the usefulness of two such institutions, not only by your noble munificence, but by making them both more extensively known to the public. But the interest of your good action will be increased to yourself by the reflection that the hospital that you have so generously befriended was one of the early charities of this city, for whose benefit the illustrious Handel gave the first performance of that sublime oratorio in which you have just taken so distinguished a part. That grand monument of Handel's plety and genius was inaugurated in the cause of suffering humanity. And afterwards during his life and since his death (of which the present year is the centenary), it has, in frequent performances, contributed more to the relief of human suffering than any other production of genius. You, Mme. Goldschmidt, have laboured in the same sacred cause, and our trust and hope is, that when you shall rest from your labours your works may follow you; and that you may be found among those to whom the 'Messiah,' the Divine Saviour, who himself while on earth went about doing good, shall say: 'Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared from the foundation of the world.' We beg, Madame, that you will accept this sincere expression of our respect and esteem, and that you will rest assured that we shall always retain a cordial and grateful recollection of your benevolence and generosity to our institutions.—We have the honour to subscribe ourselves, Madame, your obliged and grateful friends." The address was signed by his Grace the Lord Archfour the befo and

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SOCIETY OF ARTS.—The council of this society have appointed Dr. Lindley, D. F.R.S., Professor of Botany in University College, London, Examiner in Botany to the Society of Arts.

The Professorship of Astronomy in Glasgow University.—The North British Mail states that Robert Grant, M.A., F.R.S., of the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, is a candidate for the Professorship of Practical Astronomy in the University of Glasgow, vacant by the decease of the lamented Professor Nichol. Mr. Grant is the author of the History of Physical Astronomy, for which he received the gold medal of the Royal Astronomical Society in 1856, and which has taken its place as a standard work in scientific literature.

The Gresham Lectures.—On Wednesday the first of these lectures, founded by that great City benefactor, Sir Thomas Gresham, and delivered to the public gratis, was given by the Rev. Joseph Pullen, B.D., upon astronomy, before a numerous audience, at the Gresham College, Basinghall-street. It consisted of a popular and familiar discourse on the first principles of astronomy, and elicited much applause. Other elementary lectures will follow during the term—those on physic by H. H. Southey, Esq., M.D., F.R.S.; on divinity by Rev. H. J. Parker; on law by J. T. Abdy, Esq., D.C.L.; on rhetoric by Rev. E. Owen; on geometry by Rev. Morgan Cowie; and on music by Edward Taylor, Esq.

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The Great Gale.—Mr. W. C. Burder, of Clifton, has published some interesting statements respecting the terrible gale which has caused such immense disaster around our coasts:—"Not knowing what warning the barometer gave on board the Royal Charter, I can, of course, say nothing as to the possibility or otherwise which there may have been of avoiding the calamity; but, judging from other cases, I think it highly probable that careful observers of barometrical indications would have been able to see that the risk of a serious gale was sufficiently great to make it prudent to avoid the land. The desire to make the port as

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Dr. Livingstone's Explorations.—The following highly interesting letter from the celebrated African explorer was received by Sir George Grey, on the morning of his departure from the Cape for England: "Biver Shire, June I, 1859.—My dear Sir George,—We have lately discovered a very fine lake by going up the river in the steam launch about one hundred miles, and them marching some fifty more on foot. It is called Shirwa, and Lake Ngami is a mere pond in comparison. It is, moreover, particularly interesting from the fact reported by the natives on its shores, that it is separated by a strip of land of only five or six miles in width from Nyanja, or Lake N'vinyezi—the Stars—which Burton has gone to explore. We could hear nothing of his party at Shirwa, and having got no European news since you kindly sentsomecopies of the Times last year, we are quite in the dark as to whether he has succeeded or not. Lake Shirwa has no outlet, and its waters are bitter but drinkable. It abounds in fish, leeches, alligators, and hippopotami. We discovered also, by examining partially a branch of the Shire, called Ruo, that one portion of Shirwa is not more than thirty miles distant from a point that might easily be reached by this launch, which, by newspaper measurement, draws thirteen inches, and actually thirty-one inches. The Lake Shirwa is very grand. It is surrounded on all sides by lofty green mountains. Dzomba—or as people nearest it say, Zomba—is over 6000 feet high, of the same shape

as Table Mountain, but inhabited on the top; others are equally high, but inaccessible. It is a highland region—the lake itself being about 2000 feet above the sea. It is twenty or thirty miles wide, and fifty or sixty long. On going some wav up a hill, we saw in the far distance two mountain-tops, rising like little islands on a watery horizon. An inhabited mountain island stands near where we first came to it. From the size of the waves it is supposed to be deep. Mr. Maclear will show you the map. Dr. Kirk and I, with fifteen Makololo, formed the land party. The country is well peopled, and very much like Loanda. In the middle of the country many streams rise out of bogs; the vegetation is nearly identical also. Never saw so much cotton grown as among the Mangango of the Shire and Shirwa valleys—all spin and weave it. These are the latitudes which I have always pointed out as the cotton and sugar lands. They are pre-eminently so; but such is the disinterestedness of some people, that labour is exported to Bourbon instead of being employed here. The only trade the people have is that of slaves; and the only symptoms of impudence we met were from a party of Bajana slave traders; but they changed their deportment instantly on hearing that we were English, and not Portuguese. There are no Maravi at or near Shirwa, they are all west of the Shire; so this lake can scarcely be called 'Lake slaravi.' The Portuguese know nothing of it; but the Minister who claimed (blue-book for 1857) the honour of first traversing the African continent for two black men with Portuguese names must explain why they did not cross Sheriva. It lies some forty or fifty miles on each side of the latitude of Mozambique. We go back to Shirwa in July, and may make a push for N'yinyezi.—DAVID LIVINGSTONE."

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Zoological Society. 9. Dr. A. Glinther "On Cold-blooded Vertebrates collected by Mr. Fraser in Ecnador." M. Jules Verreaux, Corr. Mem., "On a new species of Barbel from Western Africa." Mr. W. C. Hewilson "On new or rare species of Butterflies collected by Mr. A. R. Wallace." 4. Mr. Sclater "On birds collected in Mexico by M. Boucard and M. de Oca."

ARCHÆOLOGICAL ITEMS.

G REEK AND ROMAN COINS,—The late Lord Northwick's immense collec-U tion of ancient Greek and Roman coins and medals, in gold, silver, and bronze, will be submitted to the hammer by Messra. Sotheby and Wilkinson—the Greek (catalogued by Mr. Borell) in December next, and the Roman (catalogued by Mr. Curt) in March, 1860. The sale will extend over a fortnight at least, and this is expected to be a golden opportunity for collectors, both English and

EXCAVATIONS AT NORTON, NEAR MALTON.—The workmen have met with a pavement of large stones, about three feet deep, beneath which were some ashes, and a cinerary urn, with a small coin or two of copper, of Constantine the Great. In the vicinity a very large bronze fibula was also found. Numerous fragments of Roman pottery and beads, together with pieces of the Samian ware, have been discovered.

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RESTORATION OF MELBOURNE CHURCH IN DERBYSHIRE.—This fine old church is now undergoing repair. A short time since the workmen were removing some whitewash from a pillar which supports the lantern tower, when they discovered a curious painting of very ancient character, executed in outline with a kind of red paint. In the upper part of the picture is represented a most grotesque portrait of the devil, having horns, wings, talons, &c. The right talon is firmly clutching the shoulder of a figure (apparently a female) who is receiving from the hands of a priest either a piece of bread or a small round vessel. In different parts of the picture are some small grotesque-looking figures like imps.

The City Faggor-And-Horse-Nath Trinures.—The report that the quaint ceremonies performed annually by the Officers of the Corporation of London before the Court of Exchequer, in respect of certain Crown manors, was abolished, appears to be without foundation. The only difference is, that they are henceforth to be performed privately instead of publicly. By the statute of the 22nd and 23rd Vict. cap. 21, the Queen's Remembrancer Act, passed in the last session, the ceremony of presenting the persons chosen by the city of London to serve the office of Sheriffs of the City and the united office of the Sheriff of Middlesex on the 20th day of October in each year to the Barons of her Majesty's Exchequer at Westminster, for the approval of her Majesty, was abolished; but by the 43rd section of the Act it was provided that warrants should as hitherto be filed to receive and execute all write, as also warrants to account to the Queen's Remembrance, at his office, on any day or time or place, between the Feast of St Michael the Archangel and the Morrow of St. Martin. On the 30th of Septem

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Mr. Akerman, with the consent of the owner of the land, and by the direction of the Council of the Society of Antiquaries, commenced a systematic exploration of the spot. Guided by long experience in researches of this description, Mr. Akerman soon obtained abundant evidence of the nature and character of the interments, which are of two distinct kinds—the one by cremation, presumed to be the older rite of burial of our Anglo-Saxon forefathers; the other by inhumation, or the burial of the body entire, the males with their weapons, the females with their personal ornaments. Among the former are nearly a score of iron bosses of shields, a great number of spears and knives, and a sword three feet long, the blade straight, broad, and two-edged. The spears are of various forms and sizes, and were found even in the graves of boys. In the graves of the women were found a great number of amber and glass beads, brooches of various forms, toilette implements, hair-pins, the whirls of spindles, &c. These objects are very significant of a people among amber and glass beads, brooches of various forms, totlette implements, nair-pins, the whirls of spindles, &c. These objects are very significant of a people among whom male and female relationships were distinguished by the "spear half" and the "spindle half." The urns are very numerous, amounting to nearly fifty. They are of black pottery, and many of them are marked with an ornament which distinguishes them from the earthen vessels of the ancient British, Roman, which distinguishes them from the earthen vessels of the ancient British, Roman, and Romano-British periods. The skeletons were of large and robust men, some of them being of gigantic size and in a remarkable state of preservation, every bone being preserved entire. They were deposited in rectangular graves, averaging three feet in depth, and had once probably been covered with tumuli, obliterated by the spade and the plough at a later period. These discoveries are interesting evidence of the early occupation of the fertile valley of the Thames by the Anglo-Saxon invaders and conquerors. The relies are now in London, and a report on them will be read to the Society of Antiquaries by their secretary at their first meeting for the session in the present month.

LITERARY NEWS.

MR. R. GRIFFITH, B.A., Scholar of Wadham College, Oxford, Ireland, University Scholar, has been appointed one of the Assistant-Masters of Wellington College.

The honorary degree of D.C.L. has been conferred by the University of Cambridge upon the Bishop of Oxford, Mr. Gladstone, and Sir George Grey. The Standard says: "Sir E. Bulwer Lytton has returned to England, and we are happy to state that the right hon. Baronet is in the enjoyment of perfectly recovered health."

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The secretary to the Brighton Mechanics' Institute has received a letter from Mr. Edwin James, Q.C., Recorder to the borough, of which the following is a copy:—"Sir,—So little interest was felt in the competition for the prizes last year, that I am not inclined to renew them. I certainly should not give any unless twenty competitors for each prize were guaranteed.—I remain, Edwin James, Sept. 24, 1859."

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On Wednesday evening, Mr. William Ellis, of the Science and Art Department of the Committee of Council on Education, delivered the fourth of his course of lectures on Social Science, in the Lecture Theatre of the South Kensington Museum. The subject was stated in the programme as follows:—
"Wages, or the share of the produce of past labour obtainable by labourers. How distributed among labourers, and by whom? Wages hitherto inadequate, and why? Means for obtaining an increase of wages. Profit, or the increase obtainable by capitalists, and why more by some than by others. Capitalists and labourers not two entirely separate classes. The former constantly recruited from the latter. Some labourers possessed of larger capitals than many administrators of capital."

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On Tuesday, the list inst., the Working Men's College, in Great Ormondstreet, Bloomsbury, started upon another year of its career. It began in 1854, at a house in Red Lion-square, its founder being the Rev. F. D. Maurice, assisted by several gentlemen who have generously devoted themselves to the cause. The work progresses so far that the managing body thought themselves justified in removing to the present premises, which they purchased for 1500L, and they have bought an adjoining house for 1400L, though about 700L of that sum remains on mortgage. During the past year from 200 to 300 students on an average have attended the various classes, which include, among others, drawing, arithmetic, mathematics, geology, chemistry, English grammar and composition, Latin, Greek, French, and English, and Bible history. A prime object with the council has been to avoid d experience has taught them that working men understand this themselves, and are as impatient of mere scraps of irregular information as the council could wish them to be. Several of the more advanced students have been imported into the work of teaching, and two, who have especially distinguished themselves, have been elected members of the council. A great auxiliary step has been taken by the establishment of preparatory classes, each superintended by one of the advanced pupils. This is said to have worked very successfully. It is contemplated by degrees to adopt the certificated students into the countil until ultimately they form at least a third of the governing body. Of the students from October to Christmas, 1858, 109 out of 242 belonged strictly to the class of operatives, the remainder being principally clarks, tradesmen. students from October to Christmas, 1858, 109 out of 242 belonged strictly to the class of operatives, the remainder being principally clerks, tradesmen, tradesmen's assistants and warehousemen, and schoolmasters. The operatives included, in the largest proportion, carpenters, cabinet-makers, pianoforte makers, watch and clock makers, opticians, printers, compositors, and book-binders. The total number of students who joined the college in five years was 1475. The library received during 1858 by gifts and purchase 498 volumes. The museum benefited still more by the generosity of friends; and the council notice with especial pleasure how much that department is indebted to the diligence of the students themselves in collecting and arranging specimens. There are classes for women in connection with the college, in which cookery and domestic economy are especially taucht, as also reading

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It will be remembered that a great meeting was held in the Sheldonian Theatre at Oxford on behalf of the Oxford and Cambridge mission to Central Africa,

on the 17th May last. The machinery for successfully carrying out the mission has, during some inonths past, been in the process of organisation by the Rev. William Monk, of St. John's College, Cambridge, who is the originator of the movement, concerning which we are now in a position to give some more precise particulars. A great meeting was held in the Senate House at Cambridge on Tuesday last, the 1st of November. The deputations representing the Oxford and London committees were as follows:—The Oxford committee was represented by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Oxford; the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, M.P. Chancellor of the Exchequer; Dr. Heurtley, Margaret Professor of Divinity; Captain Burrows, &c. Those who engaged to come in behalf of the London committee were: The Right Hon. Sir George Grey, Governor of the Cape; the Lord Bishop of Graham's Town; Canon Wordsworth, C. W. Giles, Mr. Puller, M.P., Rev. T. Jackson, Rector of Stoke Newington; the Ven. Archdeacon Mackenzie, from Natal; Dr. Bailey, Warden of St. Augustine, Canterbury; Mr. Beresford Hope, and the Rev. E. Hawkins, Secretary to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. The chair was occupied by the Vice-Chancellor, and many of the most distinguished men in Cambridge were present. According to the report, which was read by the Rev. A. V. Hadley, of St. John's, the mission owes its origin to the visit of Dr. Livingstone to Cambridge. After explaining the views and intentions of the committee, it was explained that 1000 would be required for the outfit of a bishop and six other missionaries, and that the annual expense could not be less than 2000 l. The amount already obtained in the way of donations is 1610 l. 7s. 4\frac{1}{2}d., and the annual subscription for a term of years to 176 l. 3s. 6d. The following resolutions were put and carried:—"That this meeting receives with gratification the intelligence of the steps taken by the two Universities for establishing a mission to Central Africa, and more especially to the region

funds." Both Mr. Gladstone and the Bishop of Oxford addressed the meeting in support of these resolutions.

The Manchester Examiner and Times, and other of the northern papers, complain of the manner in which the representatives of the press were treated at the Conservative banquet lately given at Liverpool to Lord Derby. There were upwards of forty reporters present, and the seats allotted to them were on the orchestra and behind the speakers. The orchestra is elevated above the level of the floor, where the table was placed at which the principal guests sat, and the position allotted to the reporters was such as almost to render it impossible for them to hear. But this was not all. No refreshment was provided in the banqueting hall for the members of the press; but a table was laid out for them in a small ante-room. This treatment was considered disrespectful to them, and a meeting was convened to consider the propriety of withdrawing in a body. A proposition to this effect was submitted by the editor of a metropolitan journal, and it was assented to by all present except a few of the representatives of the Liverpool press. Under these circumstances, the following resolution was proposed and carried unanimously, each member of the press signing it before it was presented to the chairman of the banquet: "That in the opinion of the gentlemen of the press assembled on the occasion of the banquet to Lord Derby, at Liverpool, the conduct which the committee have pursued to the press of England is derogatory to its representatives, and highly deserving of censure. That a copy of this resolution be communicated to the chairman."

The members of the executive committee of the Social Science Association were on Friday last (28th inst.) entertained by the chairman, Mr. H. W. Ripley, at his residence at Lightcliffe, near Bradford. After dinner the proceedings partook of a business character. Mr. J. V. Godwin, the treasurer, laid before the company a detailed statement of the accounts, from which it appeared that the exp

to advantage in Bradford, and it was unanimously agreed to form a local committee in connection with the Social Science Association.

In the Lord Mayor's Court, on the 29th ult., an important case, Gardiner v. Waterlow, was brought forward, affecting the interests of the printing trade, the matter in question being, whether a master printer may divide a job so as to give the most profitable portion of it to the men on the establishment, and the other portion to the piece men. Mr. Robinson stated the case for the plaintiff, and explained the facts relative to the giving out of the work. In the case in dispute, the defendants received an order to print a list of voters for an election in Portsmouth, in May last. The printing was to be done in tabular form, with column-rules; but, instead of placing it in the hands of the men as it was, Mr. Waterlow had two skeleton pages set up, composed only of the column-rules and head-lines, and worked the paper of, preparatory to printing the body of the work. He then gave the composition to the plaintiff to set up, without any brass rules or headings, and this they offered to pay for as ordinary composition, instead of as tabular matter. The difference this would make would be very great, for in reckoning the rate of payment the men claimed to calculate from the extreme end of the brass rules each way, while the master was only willing to pay for the actual composition done. The men claimed to be paid for 38,000 letters to the sheet, and the masters offered to pay them for only 27,000. The men also claimed to be paid double price for tabular matter, and the masters were willing to pay them only for common composition, with the usual allowance for these column works. In money the men claimed 13, 22, 64, and the men also claimed to be paid double price for tabular matter, and the masters were willing to pay them only for common composition, with the usual allowance for three-column works. In money the men claimed 131. 2a. 6d., and the masters made the work come to 31. 15z. Mr. Henry Torrens, for the defendants, urged that there was no case to go to the jury, and that by the 17th rule of the society the work must be cast up as it went to press, and as the formes went to press irrespective of the tabular formes, the men could not claim for work they did not do. The learned judge adopted this view of the matter, and said that the fact of the work being printed on tabular forms did not affect the question. He therefore decided on not allowing the case to go to the jury, but gave the plaintiff leave to move for a new trial.

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On Tuesday evening, in the Free-Trade Hall, Manchester, the Right Hon.
Benjamin Disraeli, M.P., distributed prizes and certificates of honour to 133
students in the Association of Mechanics' Institutes of Lancashire and Cheshire.
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dency of Mr. Bazley, M.P., the association now consists of 110 literary and mechanics' institutes and mutual improvement societies, with 22,000 members, including 2000 females, and they possess in the aggregate 135,000 volumes in their libraries. Nearly all are increasing in prosperity. Sixty-five institutions report an increase of members this year; only six a diminution. The relative proportion of the labouring classes has been greatly augmented. The number of male and female pupils attending the evening classes of 72 institutions is 6384, but the total number on the books of the several institutes exceeds 8500. Twenty-three institutions have buildings of their own, acquired at a cost of 83, 7744. The associated institutes have been severally asked, "What is the most attractive feature in your institution at present?" Forty-five replies say, the evening classes; twenty, the newsroom; twelve, the library; seven, tea-parties and discussions and three the lectures. The itinerating library proves as attractive as ever and the committee only regret that the boxes of books are not far more numerous. During the last three years upwards of 3500 male and female candidates have been subjected to a preliminary examination in spelling, grammar, writing, and arithmetic. Out of 1200 pupils whose elementary knowledge was tested by the reliminary examination held this year, 405 males and 45 females were deemed eligible for public examination. Out of this number prizes and certificates have been awarded to 123 males and 10 females. During the past year one member of the council has visited many of their classes. It is believed that the vitality and importance of the public examinations are dependent in a great measure upon the impetus and encouragement given by a visiting agent of the council. The committee cannot conceal that the Government is slowly and steadily rearing a strong opposition to the educational department of mechanics' institutions by the establishment of subsidied night schools for the instruction of the labo

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While the Roman Catholic Bishops sat last week their journals announced that, immediately on their separation, a document would be issued, the effect of which would be to withdraw the Roman Catholic students from the Queen's Colleges and Trinity. Dr. Cullen appears, however, to be disheartened with the reports read at this meeting of his prelates in reference to lay opinion, and the promised pastoral is not forthcoming. Meanwhile Roman Catholic students, in rather an increased proportion, are entering the Queen's Colleges and the older university. To this important point the Evening Packet refers as follows:

"The Bishops seem afraid to repeat the experiment of a 'cursing' pastoral. We were informed by the Nation that immediately after their separation another thanderbolt would fall upon our devoted Protestant heads, which should not cally scatter the Queen's Colleges, but destroy Old Trinity herself. Every Roman Catholic youth was to be withdrawn in one day from the clutch of Provost Macdonnell, and Presidents Henry, Berwick, and Kane. Dr. Cullen would gather the straying sheep into the classic premises of Buck Whaley, and sheet them under the liberal and enlightened guardianship of James Kavanagh. This was the game described as about to be pursued by the glorious Twenty-zine, who plotted for nearly a week opposite the National Board, against which they were running their saps and parallels. But somehow there is a halt in the process. The new pastoral is not out, and the gates of the colleges are still hey were running their saps and parallels. But somehow there is a halt in the process. The new pastoral is not out, and the gates of the colleges are still hey were running their saps an

CORRESPONDENCE.

SIR.—I crave a corner in an early number for a few strictures on a review in the Critic of Oct. 1, headed "Rum and True Religion." Glancing over back numbers of the Critic, I find that Correspondence has been dropped from your Contents" for about I wo years—letters inserted since that time, in an entire or abridged form, having usually been broken into fragments and used up in a

running commentary in your first page. This is hardly fair, either to your correspondents or readers; for a writer ought to be allowed to state his facts and arguments in his own way, and when sentences are extracted from their connection they may appear to convey a totally different meaning from that of the writer. The Times has the magnanimity to insert letters animadverting even on its leading articles—sometimes without a word of comment, on the supposition that its side is sufficiently well supported already; at other times devoting a second leader to the modification or vindication of formerly-expressed views.

For the sake of the Critic, I think your article on "Rum and True Religion" ought not to be altogether unnoticed. I begin with its title. Rum must have been used for the sake of a paltry alliteration, which, however, is spoiled by the intrusion of the epithet trus. The title is evidently meant to throw ridicule on a matter which is in itself sufficiently grave and important—the manner in which Christianity may be brought to bear on the deplorable and alarmingly prevalent sin of drunkenness, with a view to its removal from among us. Although the reviewer says nothing further of rum, yet the spirit of the title runs through the whole article; the title is the key-note, and the whole is wonderfully harmonious. The reviewer seems to have some personal feeling against the anonymous author, and this leads him to treat with censurable levity a subject of deep importance; and we premise that we know nothing personally of either writer or reviewer. But surely such treatment is beneath the dignity that may reasonably be expected in the Critic. The reviewer speaks contemptuously of one of the ablest and most eloquent preachers of any denomination of the Christian Church at the present time. He is not careful to conceal his ignorance, but makes it apparent that he does not know the renowned Dr. Duff even by name—a man who is the most distinguished of Christian missionaries in India, who was called to preside ov

Duff."

We pass over the remarks about "the teetotaller's logic," which he pronunces "as weak as his potations;" for we have here a piece of the silliest reasoning we have met with for a long time. Among other absurd things, he says that "bread contains alcohol," which betrays complete ignorance of the whole subject, such ignorance as we certainly would not have expected in a reviewer in the Cattric. Had he turned up a good dictionary under the word Alcohol, he would have read something like the following:—"Pure or highly rectified spirit, obtained from fermented liquors by distillation." (Imperial Dictionary.)

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His remarks on passages of Scripture display the same hauteur, and are equally at fault. The writer says:—"The following passage has been often appealed to as implying that intoxicating liquor was in use (1 Cor. xi. 21):

'One is hungry and another is drunken.' Here 'drunken' is obviously the antithesis, not of 'sober,' but of 'hungry.'" This is cautiously expressed, and indicates some acquaintance with the subject on the part of the writer; but a strange bewilderment must have come over the reviewer when he could refer to this as "a curious example of the manner in which passages of Scripture are sometimes wrested from their real meaning to substantiate a predetermined theory." That the word "drunken" stands in the English version as the antithesis to "hungry," is apparent to every reader. But the reviewer goes to the original, and says: "There need be no dispute whatever about the meaning of the word 'drunken' in this passage if we turn to the original." He adds: "The word there, rightly translated 'drunken,' is μεθώμ, and the word 'hungry is σεισώ. The antithesis of σεισάω, as every one who has read even the Greek Delectus knows, is διζάω, not μεθώω, which never yet, in any Greek writer that we have ever seen or heard word 'drunken' in this passage if we turn to the original." He adds: "The word there, rightly translated 'drunken,' is μεθών, and the word 'hungry is στινῶ. The antithesis of πτινῶν, as every one who has read even the Greek Delectus knows, is δτίνῶν, not μεθών, which never yet, in any Greek writer that we have ever seen or heard of, meant anything else than 'to be drunk.'" We have much pleasure in adding a little to the reviewer's knowledge here. He refers his author to the Greek Delectus; and if his own knowledge of Greek is derived solely from that limited source, it is rather much for him to pronounce on the whole range of Greek writers: just as the inhabitant of a small island, very limited in its productions, could hardly be in a position to pronounce on the productions of the whole earth beyond, having never sailed from his island home. But we can tell the reviewer of more than one Greek writer on whose page the word in question means something else than "to be drunk." The roviewer has probably heard of the Septuagiut Version of the Old Testament, which, like the New Testament, is written in the spoken Greek of Alexandria. The sense in which a word is used there goes further to determine its meaning in the New Testament than the sense in which he same word is used in classic Greek. In this version μεθύνη and its cognate μεθύνημο, are of frequent occurrence. If the reviewer will turn to Psalm kxv. (which in the Septuagint Version is numbered lxiv.), verses 9, 10, he will read, "Thou visitest the earth, and waterest (μείθυνης) it; thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God which is full of water; thou preparest them corn, when thou hast as provided for it. Thou waterest (μείθυνης) the ridges thereof abundantly, &c. Of course the idea of the earth reeling round the sum in a state of intoxication is sufficiently absurd, though necessary to support the reviewer's opinion that the word in question "never meant anything else than to be drunk." It may be supposed that the Greek translator of the Psalms knew remarks, to include both eating and drinking freely. The following excellent remarks of Dr. Bloomfield (in his "Recensio Synoptica") we commend to the Reviewer's attention:—"The ancient commentators rightly notice that the ratio oppositi requires this word to be interpreted of repletion, if not excess, both in esting and drinking. Schleusner confines it to eating. But this would unnecessarily increase the catachresis. Chrysostom rightly includes both. It is not, however, necessary to suppose any excess of drinking, but merely drinking to satiety, as at John ii. 10, and often in the Old Testament. The crime imputed to them is not drunkenness or gluttony, but gross and rapacious selfishness at a feast united with the Lord's, and formed on such principles of love and Christian communion as should be a proper introduction to it."

The reviewer blames the writer for denying that the word "excess" in Eph. v. 18 implies the lawfulness of the moderate use of intoxicating wine, but neither seems to have a correct view of the text. But we must pass over this, and some other things in the article, as you possibly think these strictures sufficiently lengthy already. I inclose my card, not for publication.—I am, Sir, yours. &c.

Oct. 26, 1859.

Sir, yours, &c. Oct. 26, 1859.

OBITUARY.

Pulman, Mr. J., F.S.A., Clarencieux King-at-Arms, and for many years Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod, died on Saturday evening at his residence, East Hill, Wandsworth, from an attack of paralysis. Mr. Pulman had been for a long series of years connected with the Heralds' College, and was for a time Richmond Herald, and afterwards Norroy, and subsequently received promotion as Clarencieux, on, we believe, the death of Mr. Martin. The deceased gentleman was a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, and member of several other learned bodies.

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